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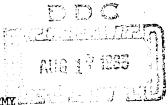
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FINAL REPORT ON DEVELOPMENT OF TIRES FOR THE NEW FAMILY OF MEDIUM TACTICAL TRUCKS

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The overall objectives of this contract were -

- 1. To supply thirty (30) 11.00-20 size radial ply tires, 6 ply nylon carcass with 2 ply wire belted treads, designed to provide increased performance over tires previously produced on Contract No. DA 20-018-0RD-20440.
- 2. Conduct a radial ply tire design investigation into the larger tire size (16-20) with low profile construction.
- 3. Perform a feasibility study of the replaceable tread tire concept.

Work was directed toward -

- Increasing resistance to breaker separation, liner splitting and circumferential splice opening.
- 2. Increasing durability and improving general off-the-road performance of the tires.

Field testing of the 11.00-20 tires, under the direction of the Army Tank Automotive Center showed that the tires were much improved over previous radial tires tested. However, a few tires still failed from sidewall cracking.

The contract was revised to emphasize improvement in sidewall cracking resistance. This was accomplished by changing from a synthetic stock compound in the sidewall to a natural rubber compound with a neoprene veneer. Indoor sidewall cracking test results of tires with the natural rubber/neoprene veneer sidewalls indicate a vast improvement in cracking resistance over tires with previous sidewall construction.

Excellent test results were obtained with 16-20 low profile tire on all types of indoor tests. Due to the performance level of these tires on indoor testing, we feel that this tire is more than adequate for field endurance tests...

The experimental test results of the replaceable tread tire were very favorable and we feel that this concept should be broadened to include the highway-type tire.

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1. CONTRACT OBJECTIVES

1.1 Phase I

To supply thirty (30) hylon radial carcass, belted tread design 11.00-20 tires designed to provide increased performance over tires previously sumplied on Contract DA 20-018-0RD-20440. The breaker and carcass ply stocks are of a natural rubber composition and the tread of synthetic rubber.

1,2 Phase II

Conduct a radial ply tire design investigation into the larger tire size (16-20) with low profile construction and to perform a feasibility study of the replaceable tread tire concept in the 11.00-20 size tire.

2. SUMMARY

2.1 Phase T - 11.00-20 Integral Tires

Field test results of the 11.00-20 integral tires indicated an improvement in performance over tires previously tested. However, with the increased mileage a sidewall cracking deficiency was noted. We believe that we have a method of correcting this problem as evidenced by the indoor sidewall cracking test results on the 16-20 size tires.

All experimental tires tested prior to shipment passed endurance test requirements.

2.2 Phase II - 16-20 Low Profile Tires

With the information obtained from the test results on Phase I tires, we were prompted to revise the construction features of the 16-20 low profile and 11.00-20 replaceable tread tires.

We proposed and received a contract modification to change from synthetic tread and sidewall stock to a natural rubber compound with a neopreno veneer on the sidewall. This revised construction showed a vast improvement on indoor sidewall cracking test over results obtained with the previous construction.

The initial fourteen (14) 16-20 field evaluation tires were fluoroscoped and some irregular spacing of the cords in the breakers at the splice was found. The quality of these tires was questionable for penetration resistance and tread wear.

It was necessary to rebuild the fourteen (14) field evaluation tires in order to obtain tires with the desired quality level, as determined by visual and fluoroscopic examination, for field testing at Camp Bullis.

To establish the performance level of the tires with irregular spacing in the breaker cords, an agreement was reached with Messrs. Heinrich,

2. SUMMARY (contid)

2.2 Phase II - 16-20 Now Profile Tire (cont'd)

Jackson, and Royers at the Detroit Arsenal to field tost seven (7) of the first group of tires.

The 16-20 low profile tactical tire performed exceptionally well on all types of indoor testing. Based on these test results, we feel that this tire is more than adequate to meet the requirements for application to the new family of medium tactical trucks.

2.3 Phase II - 11.00-20 Replaceable Tread Tires

The indoor test results on this tire were very favorable. Although the testing of this tire was limited, there was no displacement of the tread band on the carcass during the test.

2.4 Testing

2.4.1 Indoor Tests

To establish the laboratory performance level of the experimental tires, the following test programs were conducted:

Phase I

Two tests were used - the stepped down inflation test and the 30 mph smooth wheel endurance test.

Phase II - 16-20/10 P.R. Tire

Four tests were used, the 30 mph smooth wheel endurance test, bead adequacy test, sidewall cracking test, and the average breaking energy plunger rupture test.

In addition to the above tests the 16-20/10 P.R. tire was subjected to a hydroburst test to establish the burst strength of the tire.

Phase II - 11.00-20 Replaceable Tread Tire

Testing of this tire was limited to the 30 mph smooth wheel endurance test.

2.4.2 Indoor Endurance Test

The 30 mph smooth wheel stepped up load endurance test was used to evaluate the separation resistance of the 11.00-20 and the 16-20 radial ply tires.

2. SUMMARY (contid)

2.4 Testing (cont'd)

2.4.2 Indoor Endurance Test (cont'd)

Loads and inflations for this test were as follows:

	11.00-20	<u>16-20</u>
Test Inflation	50 psi	50 psi
Initial Load	3850#	4125#
Load increment increase at 65 hours and every 24 hours thereafter	350#	375#

The results of the tests which are listed in Table I indicate a vast improvement in the 16-20 low profile tire for breaker and ply separation resistance as compared to 11.00-20 integral tire.

	Table I		
	Total Hours	Failure	Load at Failure
11.00-20 Integral Tire Radial Ply	201.0	Fabric Fatigue	5450#
16-20 Radial Ply Tire	280.9 263.7	Removed complete	7500# 7500#
11.00-20 Replaceable Tread Tire Radial Ply	136.3 ر.106	Removed complete	4900# 455 0 #

2.4.3 Sidewall Cracking Tests

The sidewall cracking test for the 16-20 low profile tire was conducted on a smooth wheel. The tire was run at slow speed (25 mph), low inflation (20 psi) and loaded to 3750# (rated tire load).

Two groups of tires were evaluated for sidewall cracking. Group I tires featured a natural rubber sidewall and Group II tires a natural rubber sidewall with a neoprene veneer. The results listed in the following Table II indicate a definite improvement in sidewall cracking resistance with the natural rubber/neoprene veneer combination.

2. SUMMARY (cont'd)

2.4 Testing (contid)

2.4.3 Sidewall Cracking Tests (cont'd)

Table II

Group I	Total Hours	Failure
16-20 Radial Tire	(*) 220.0 (*) 220.0	Sidewall cracking
Group II		
16-20 Radial Tire	272.00 272.0	Removed - complete

(*) Sidewall cracking was initiated at 110.0 hours. The tires were kept running to study rate of crack growth.

2.4.4 Bead Adequacy Test

To establish the performance level of the 16-20 low profile tires for bead adequacy, two tires were tested on a flat belt machine. The tires were inflated to 35 psi and mounted diametrically opposite on a vertical flat belt. The tires were then over-loaded to 6675# and run at speed of 23 mph. These conditions were designed to produce a flex strain in the bead area of the tire without generating excessive heat in tread.

Results listed in Table III indicate that the performance level of the beads is more than adequate since 200 hours on this test is considered very good.

Table III

	Total Hours	<u>Failure</u>
16-20 Radial Tire	264.7 264.7	Removed - complete Slight sidecover separation

2.4.5 Stepped Down Inflation Test

Test conditions for this test are as follows: load 3500#; speed 30 mph; inflation 50, 40, 30, 20, and 10 psi for 24 hours each on a smooth wheel.

One 11.00-20 integral tire was subjected to this test and failed from fabric fatigue one hour after entering the 10 psi phase.

2. SUMMARY (contid)

2.4 Testing (contid)

2.4.6 Hydroburst Test

A 16-20 tire was subjected to a hydrostatic burst test. The tire failed with a broken bead bundle at 415 psi. The actual burst value agrees with the calculated burst value for this tire.

2.4.7 Plunger Test

Flunger tests were conducted on the 16-20 low profile tire at 35 psi. The average breaking energy was 46,181.28 in.1bs. which is more than ample for rupture resistance for the tire.

3. DISCUSSION

3.1 Tire Design

3.1.1 11.00-20 Integral Tire

In order to meet the objective for Phase I a revised construction of the ll.00-20 radial ply, wire belted tire, as compared to that featured in previous Contract DA 20-018-ORD-20440, was designed. The revised construction featured 6 full plies of 1680/2 denier nylon cord and 2 low angle breakers of 5x7x.0059 flexible steel cable. The sidewall featured a layer of wire loaded stock with a cover of synthetic stock. Chlorobutyl (a stock which is highly resistant to liner cracking) was featured as the liner stock in this construction.

To increase the resistance of tire to rim chafing an SBR-CisBR stock with excellent elongation and flex cracking properties was used as a rim flange strip. An SBR-CisBR/NR cement was used at all tread and sidewall junctions to increase splice opening resistance of the tire.

The six nylon plies provided the required carcass strength and the two wire breakers provided the needed circumferential strength of the tire.

Load deflection curves, Figures 17 and 20, are shown on pages 27 and 30 and engineering data are shown in Table VI.

3.1.2 16-20 Low Profile Tires

From the knowledge gained with the Phase I tires tested at Camp Bullis, the 16-20 radial ply tire was designed to provide a tire with increased sidewall cracking resistance.

The construction of this tire featured 6 full plies of 1680/2 denier i lon cord and 2 low angle breakers of 5x7x.0059 flexible

3. DISCUSSION (cont d)

3.1 Tire Design (cont'd)

3.1.2 16-20 Low Profile Tires (cont'd)

steel cable. The sidewall featured a layer of wire loaded stock covered by a natural rubber sidewall with a neoprene veneer. Six nylon plies and two wire breakers provided the required structural strength of the tire. A chlorobutyl liner was featured in this construction also. The neoprene veneer reduces checking and sidewall cracking (see see Sidewall Gracking Test Results).

Since the 16-20 size tire was entirely new, experimental tires were required to verify constructions.

Load deflection curves, Figures 18 and 21, are shown on pages 28 and 31 and engineering data are shown in Table VI.

3.1.3 11.00-20 Replaceable Tread Tire

The carcass construction features of the 11.00-20 replaceable tread tire were identical to those of the 16-20 size tire. The tread band featured two circumferentially wound breakers of flexible steel cable to provide maximum restraint of movement of the breaker band on the carcass.

Experimental tires were required to verify the construction.

The initial construction check tire revealed a slight misfit of the tread band and carcass. The carcass rings were modified to provide a more uniform fit or mating of the carcass and tread band.

Load deflection curves, Figures 19 and 22, are shown on pages 29 and 32 and engineering data are shown in Table VI.

3.2 Mold Design

3.2.1 16-20 Low Profile Tire

The tire mold was designed to the low profile principle using a section height to section width ratio of .74. The mold has a 43.950 inch outside diameter, a 15.30 inch cross section and a 15.30 inch crown radius. The tread pattern was similar to the tread designed for the 11.00-20 integral tire, a tactical design with the tread pattern ending at the tread shoulder.

Prints of the mold and letter drawings are included with this report.

3. DISCUSSION (cont'd)

3.2 Mold Design (cont'd)

3.2.2 11.00-20 Replaceable Tread Tire

The 11.00-20 replaceable tread tire mold was designed to produce a carcass and tread band which when assembled would yield a tire of the same dimensions as the 11.00-20 integral tire with an overall diameter of 42.540 inches and a 11.600 inch cross section.

3.3 Rim Design

The rim for the 16-20 size tire was designed for tubed type tires. The rim has a semi-drop center, 12" width, 20" nominal diameter with heel diameter .188" over nominal, 5° tapered bead seat and a modified safety hump to prevent slippage or bead displacement under emergency conditions.

3.4 Fabrication of Tires

3.4.1 Phase I - 11.00-20 Integral Tires

Existing equipment was utilized in the production of the thirty (30) 11.00-20 integral tires for this phase of the contract. No manufacturing difficulties were encountered.

3.4.2 Phass II - 16-20 Low Profile Tires

The only special equipment required to produce the 16-20 size tire was a tire mold. Curing bags and toe rings available from a previous government contract were used in the manufacturing of these tires.

Building procedures, shaping bagging and curing of the 16-20 low profile tires were similar to those for radial ply tires previously produced for highway service.

3.4.3 Phase II - 11.00-20 Replaceable Tread Tires

Equipment needed to manufacture the 11.00-20 replaceable tread tires comprised a tire mold, carcass rings, drum building core, segmented tread rim and one bottom too ring.

The breakers for this tire were circumferentially wound. No preshaping of the carcass was necessary prior to cure.

A slight recut of the carcass rings was necessary to provide a tighter fit of the carcass to the tread band (see mold profile attached to this report which shows recut).

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3.5 Tubes

16-20 size tubes were supplied in compliance with applicable requirements of Covernment Specification 221-550. Tube weight was 15 lbs.

Although theps were supplied, the design of the 16-20 time beads and the rim seat permitted tubed time operation without the use of flaps.

3.6 Tire Mounting

In Phase II mounting checks were made on the 16-20 tire on the rim designed for this vehicle by Ford Motor Company. Mounting and dismounting were satisfactory.

As a safety precaution 40 psi should not be exceeded during tire mounting.

3.7 Measurements

The measurements taken in conjunction with the test program were load deflection curves, vertical spring rates, tread pressures, footprints, weight, cross section, outside diameter, loaded radius, rolling radius and gross and net contact areas.

Table IV lists all measurements taken on the specified tires. The pages which follow contain Figures 8 through 22 which are the load deflection curves, footprints, tread pressures and closed loop load deflection or spring rate curves.

	Table IV		
Measurement	ll.00-20 Integral	16-20	11.00-20 Rep.Trd.
Cross Section	13.79	16.92	13.84
Outer Diameter	42.50	43.85	42.59
Loaded Radius	19.25	20,19	19.39
Tread Width	8.09	10.41	8.39
Deflection at 3750# load and 35 psi inflation	2.004	1.788	1.902

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3.7 Measurements (cont'd)

	Table V		
Measurement	11.00-20 Integral	<u>16-20</u>	11.00-20 Rep.Trd.
Vertical Spring Rate at 3750% load and 35 psi influction	2315#/in.	2604#/in.	2399#/in.
Weight	201# 2 02.(1)	241# 10 oz.(1)	210# 2 oz.(1)
Rim	8.00	12.00	8.00

(1) Includes weight of tire, rim, tube and flap.

Table VI

Engineering data of the 11.00-20 integral 16-20 low profile, and the 11.00-20 replaceable tread tires.

	11.00-20 Integral	16-20	11.00-20 Rep.Trd.
Load (lbs.)	3500	3750	3500
Inflation (psi)	30	35	30
Rim Dimensions (Diameter and Width)	20x8.0	20x12.0	20x8.0
Max. Cross Section (in.)	12.17	15.84	12.27
Overall Diameter (in.)	42.50	43.85	42.59
Mold Antiskid (in.)	. 65	•67	.65
Loaded Radius (in.)	19.25	20.19	19.39

3.8 Weight Data

Tire and rim assembly weights were as follows:

	11.00-20 <u>Integral</u>	16-20	11.00-20 Rep.Trd.
Tire	1.17#	158#	119#
Tube	10# 10 oz.	14# 6 oz.	10# 10 oz.
Flap	6# 0 oz.	8# 4 oz.	6# 0 oz.
Rim	73# 8 oz.	61# 0 oz.	73# 8 oz.

4. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

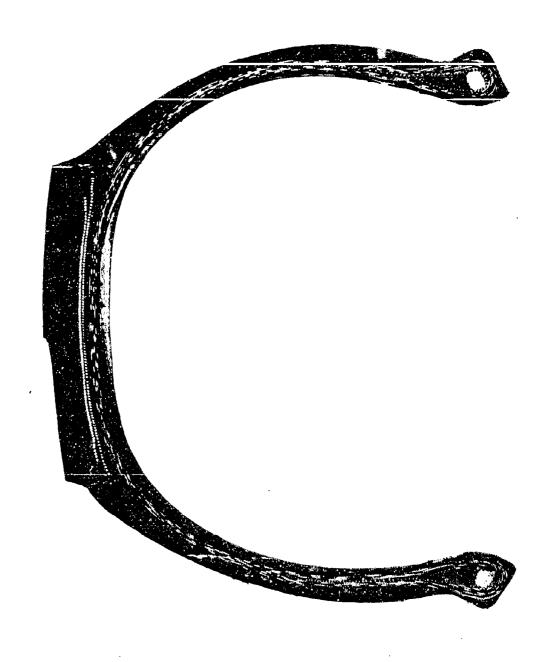
The following conclusions can be based on laboratory measurements, indoor testing and field testing information gained on this contract.

4.1 Phase I

- 1. The 11.00-20 integral tires performed better on indoor tests than tires previously supplied for field testing.
- 2. A defirite improvement was realized in the 11.00-20 integral times for circumferential splice opening and liner cracking resistance.
- An advantage for tread wear traction and puncture resistance for the radial ply tires was indicated by the performance of the tires tested at Camp Bullis.
- 4. The 11.00-20 integral radial ply wire-belted tire showed a sidewall cracking deficiency during field testing; however, we believe this problem has been corrected.

4.2 Phase II

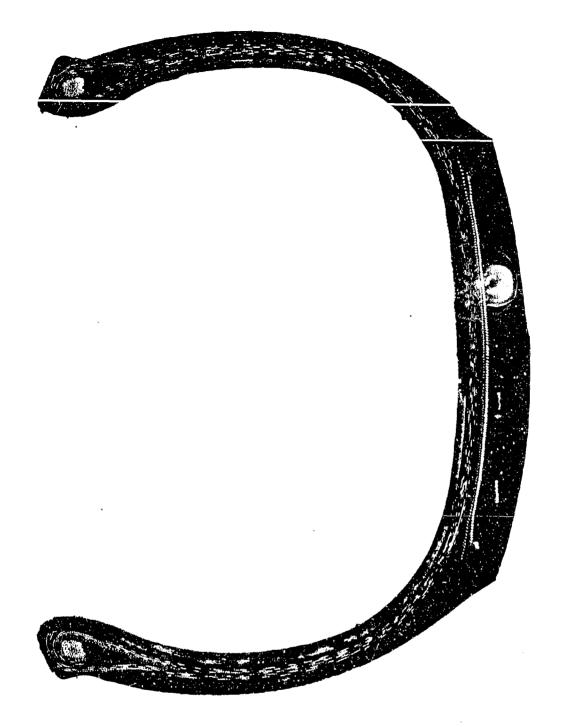
- 1. Indoor test results indicate that the 16-20 profile tire is more than adequate to meet the demands of the tire.
- Based on the closed loop deflection curves, the radial ply tactical tires have a low hysteresis loss.
- The radial ply wire-belted tires afford a more uniformly distributed load in the deflected area.
- 4. Indoor test results were very favorable for the replaceable tread tire.
- 5. It is recommended that the feasibility study of the replaceable tread concept be expanded to include the highway type tire.
- 6. It should be noted that the sidewall cracking resistance of the 16-20 low profile radial ply tire was greatly improved with a natural rubber neoprene veneer sidewall construction. We believe this type sidewall construction would have increased the sidewall cracking resistance of the 11.00-20 integral tires tested at Camp Bullis.



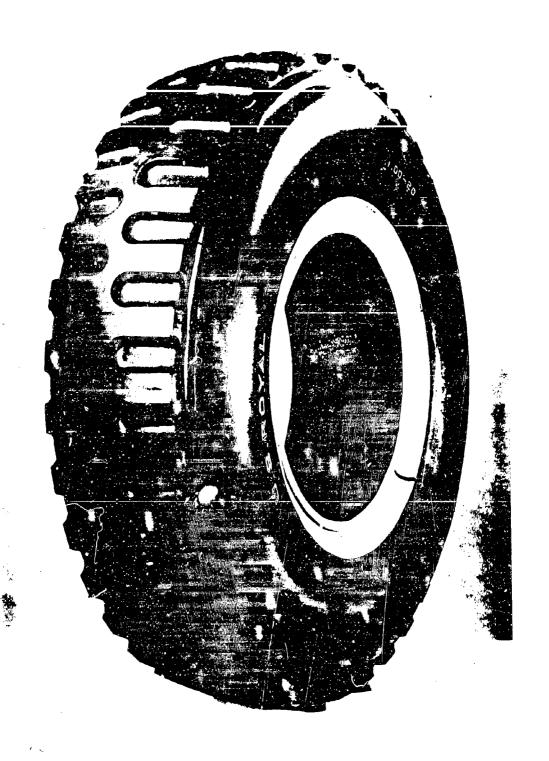
11.00-20 INTEGRAL TIRE SECTION FIGURE 1



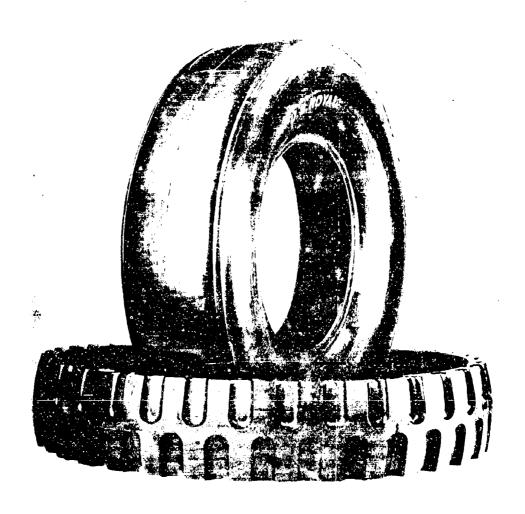
16-20 LOW PROFILE RADIAL PLY TIRE FIGURE 2



16-20 LOW PROFILE RADIAL PLY TIRE SECTION FIGURE 3



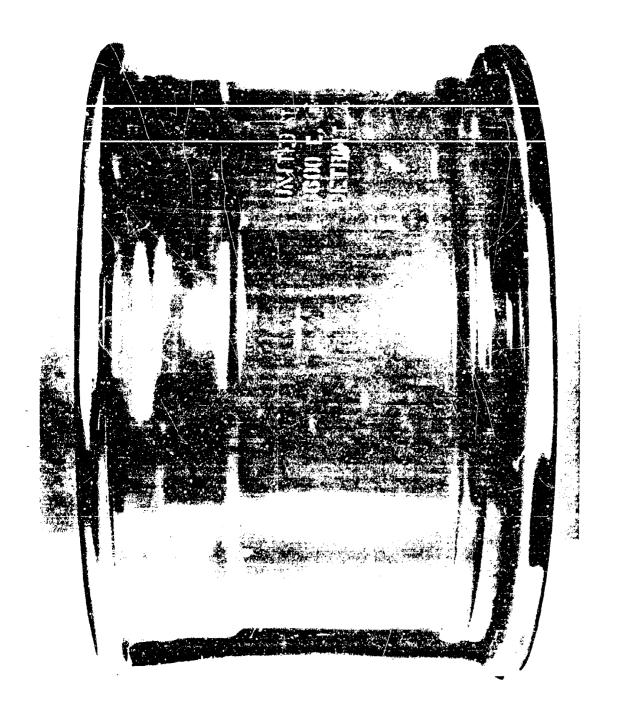
11.00-20 REPLACEABLE TREAD TIRE FIGURE 4



11.00 20 REPLACEABLE TREAD AND CARCASS FIGURE 5



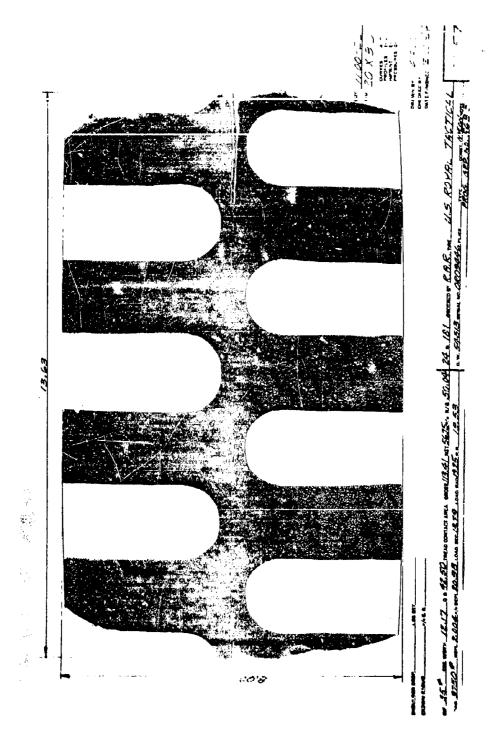
11.00-20 REPLACEABLE TREAD TIRE SECTION FIGURE 6



MODIFIED SAFETY HUMP. SEMI-DROP CENTER RIM

20 x 12.00 for 16-20/10 P.R. NDCC RADIAL PLY LOW PROFILE TIRE

Figure 7



FORTURE 8

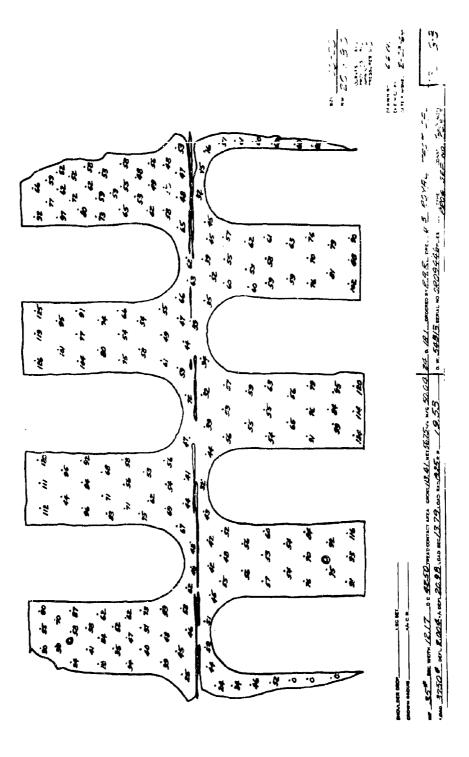


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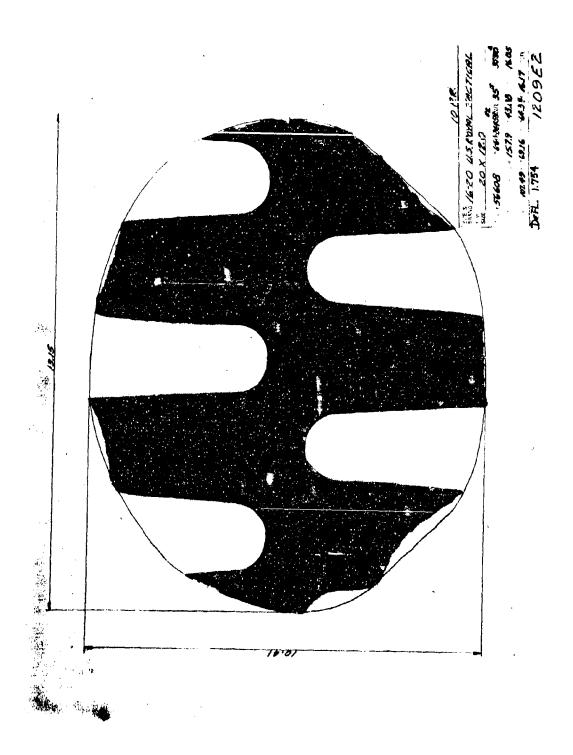


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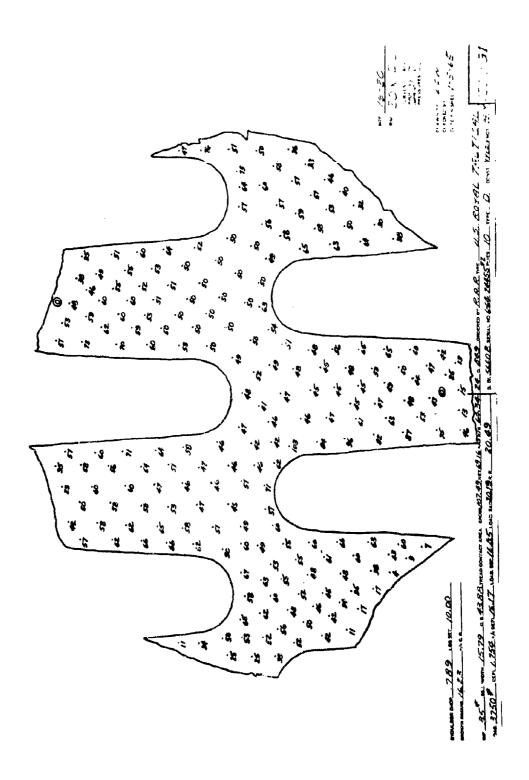


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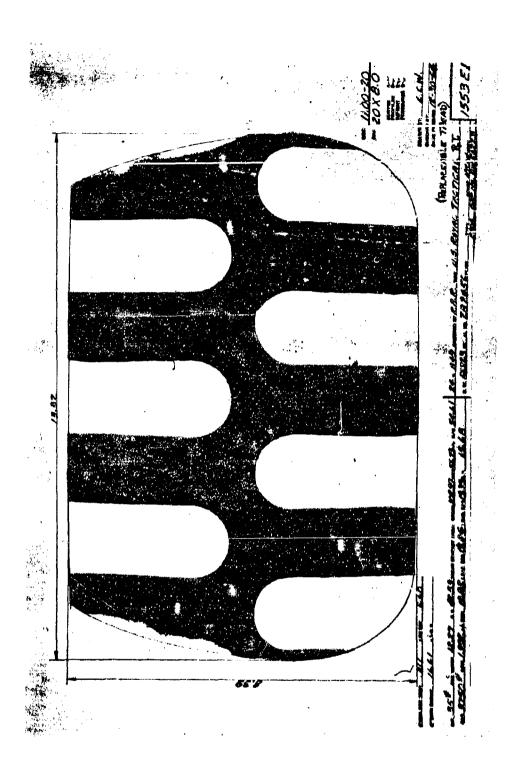


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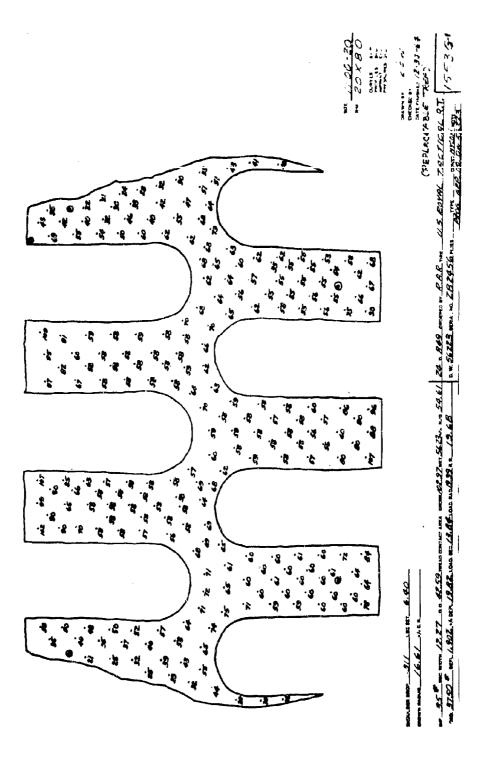


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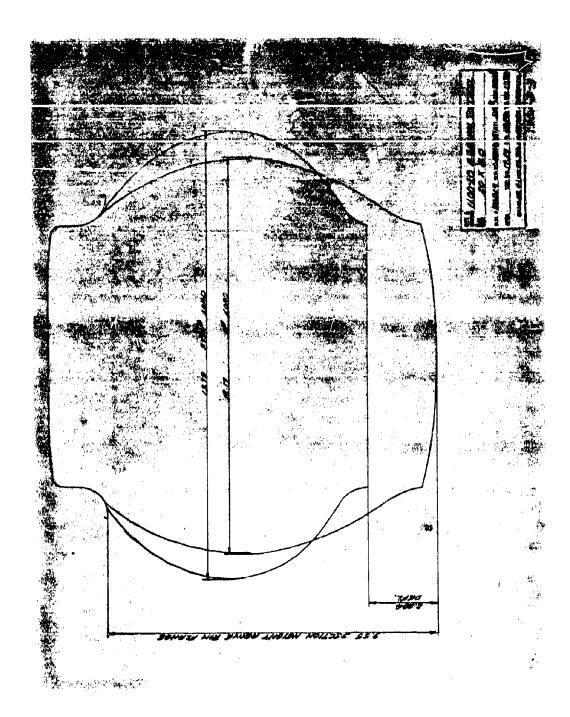


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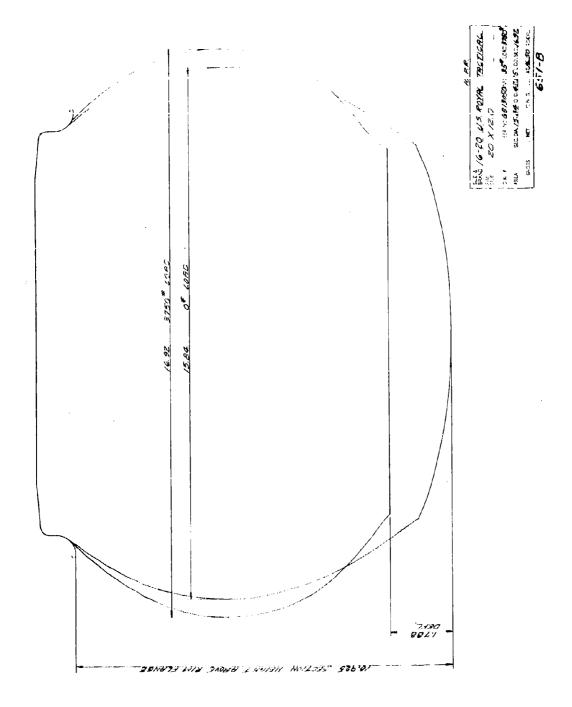


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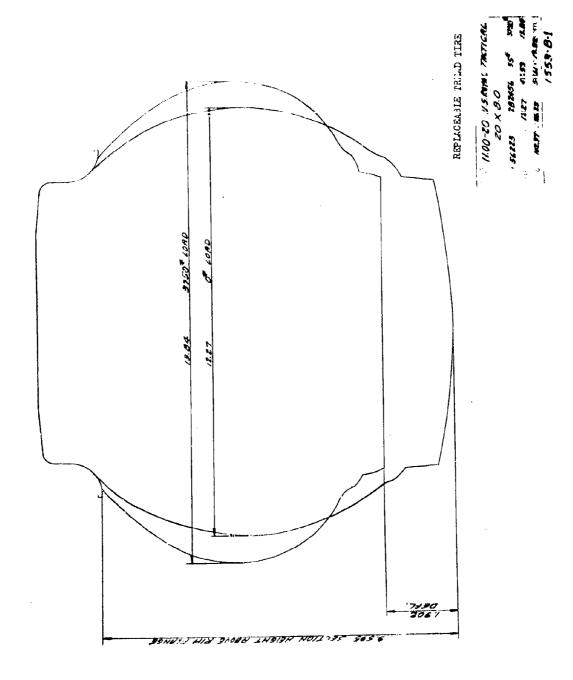
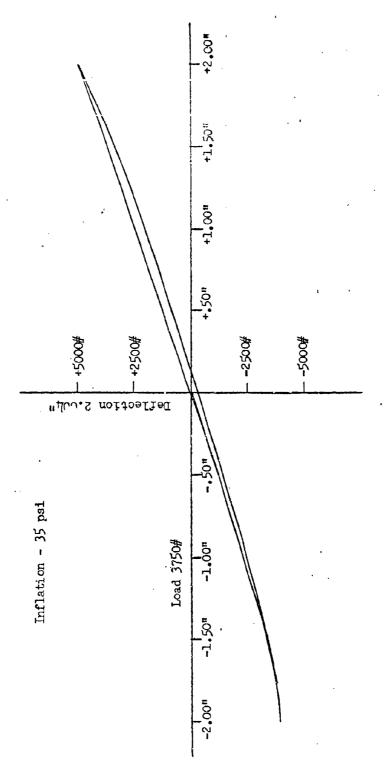
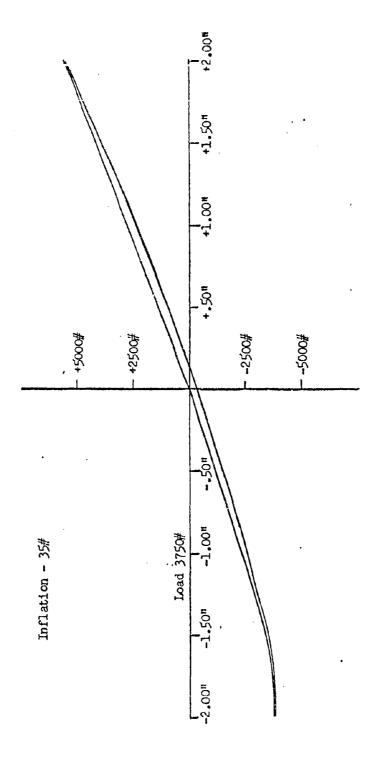


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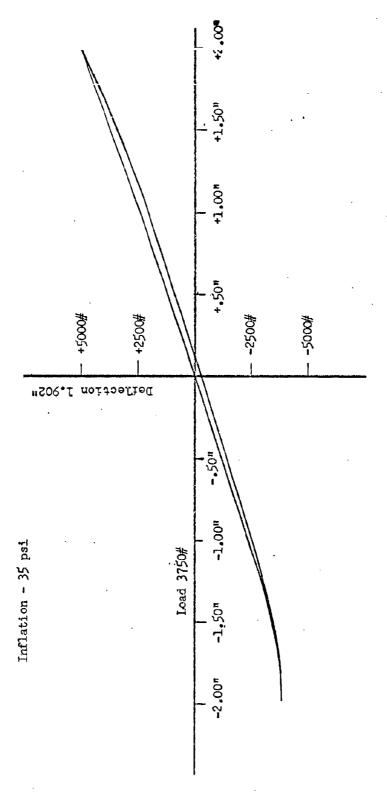
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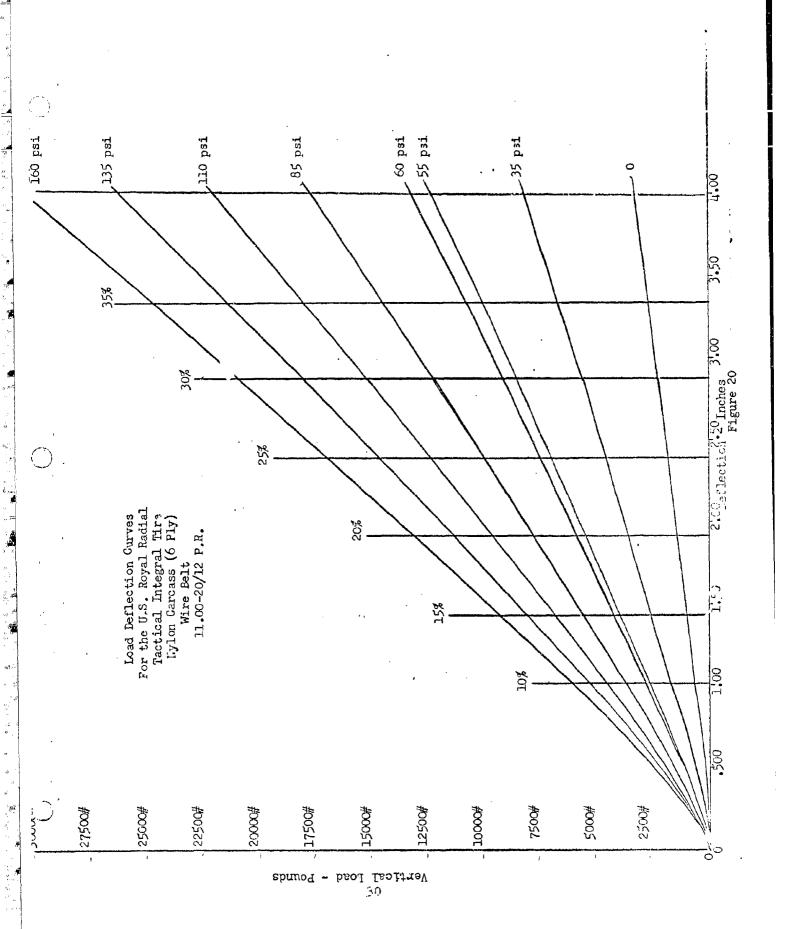
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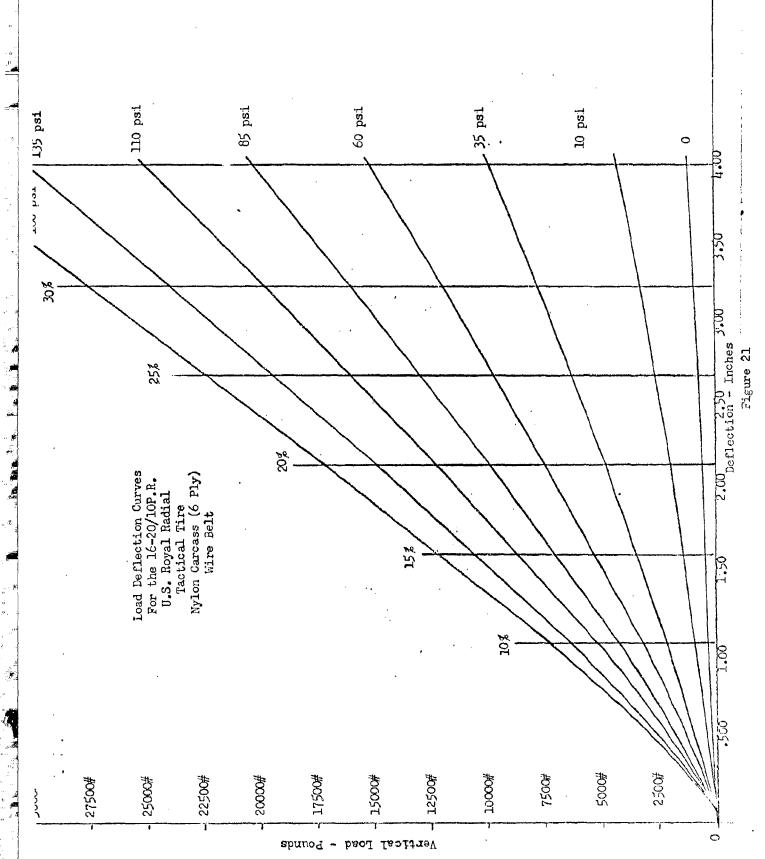
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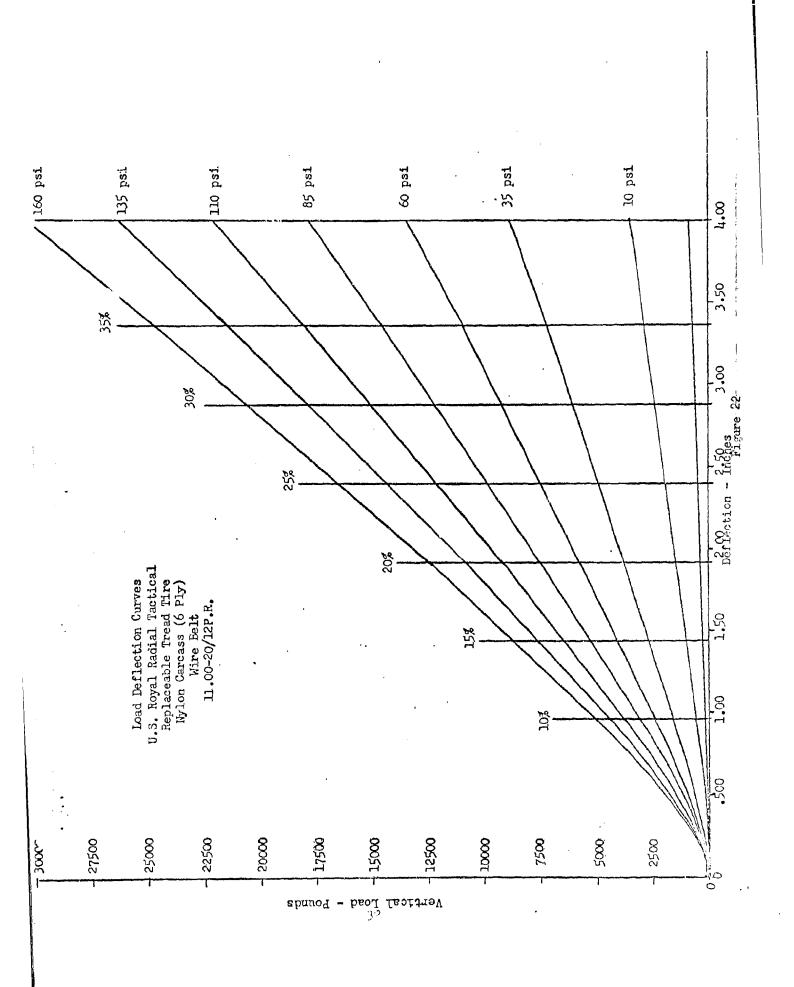
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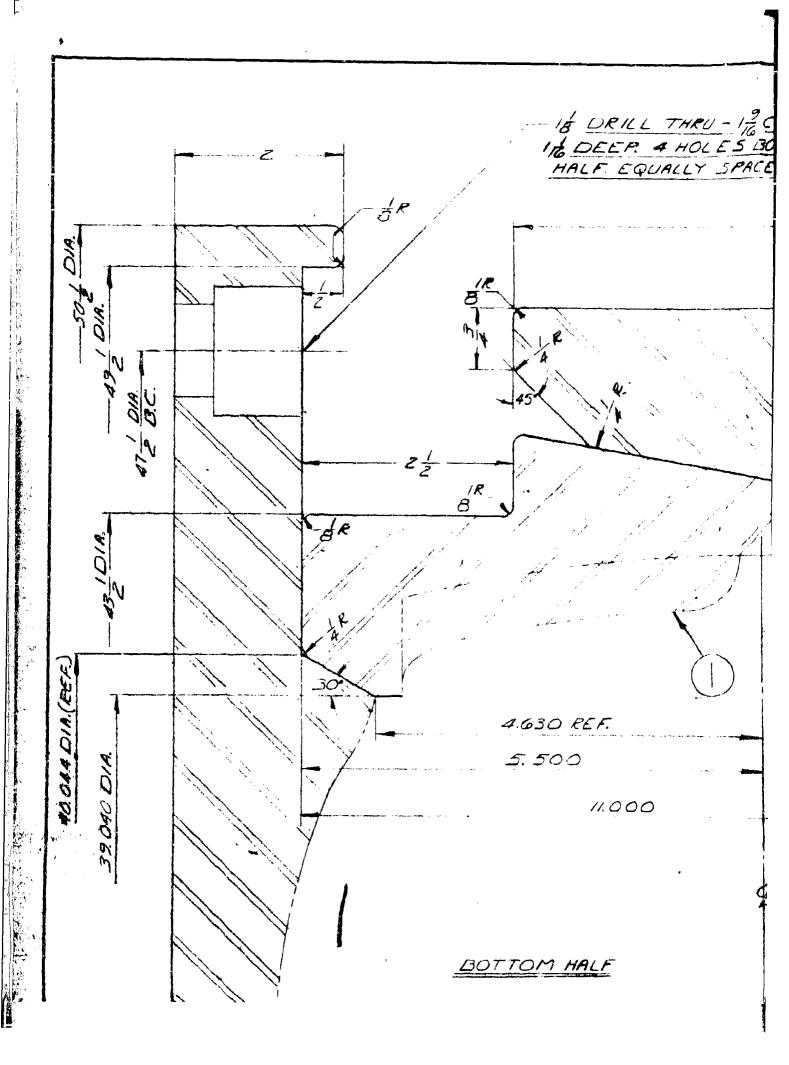


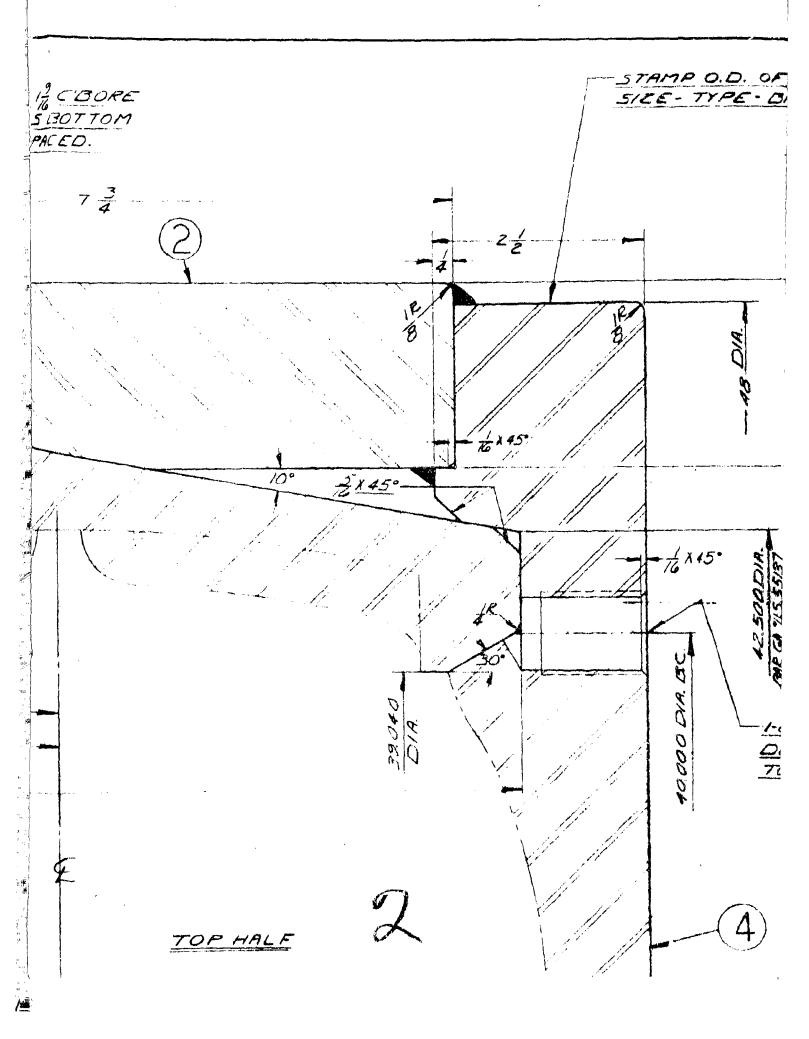




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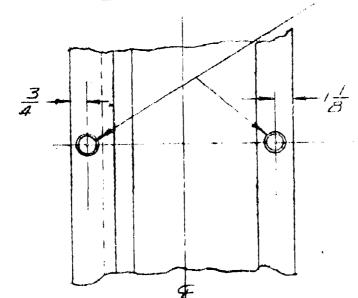
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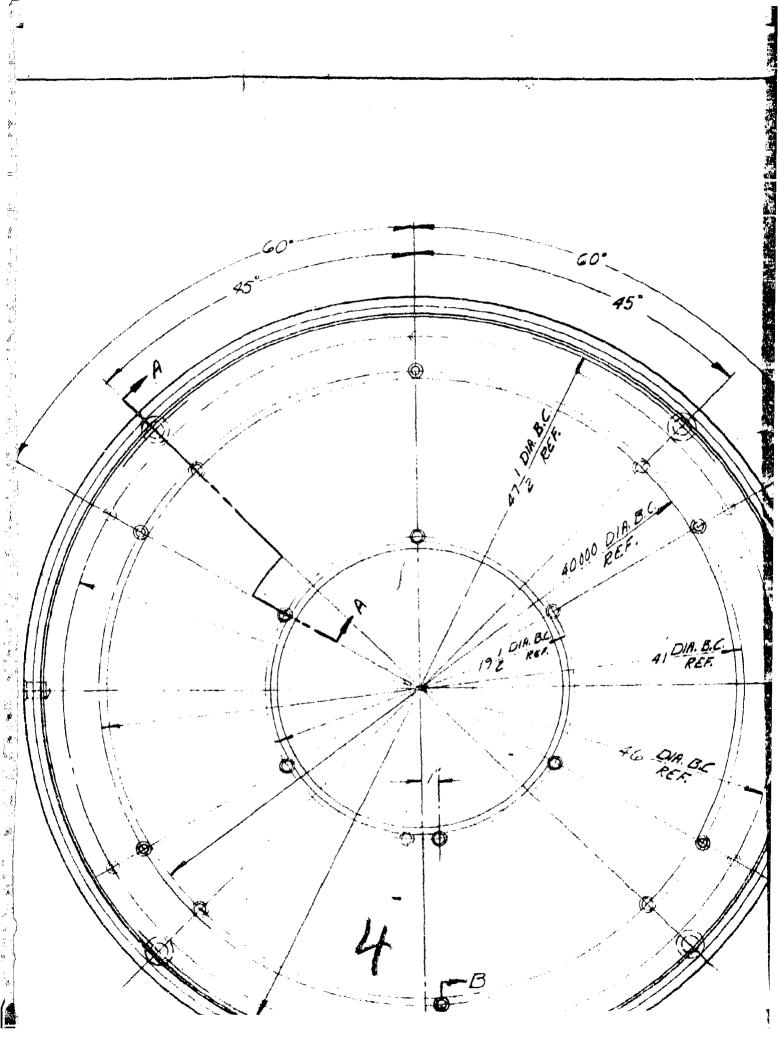
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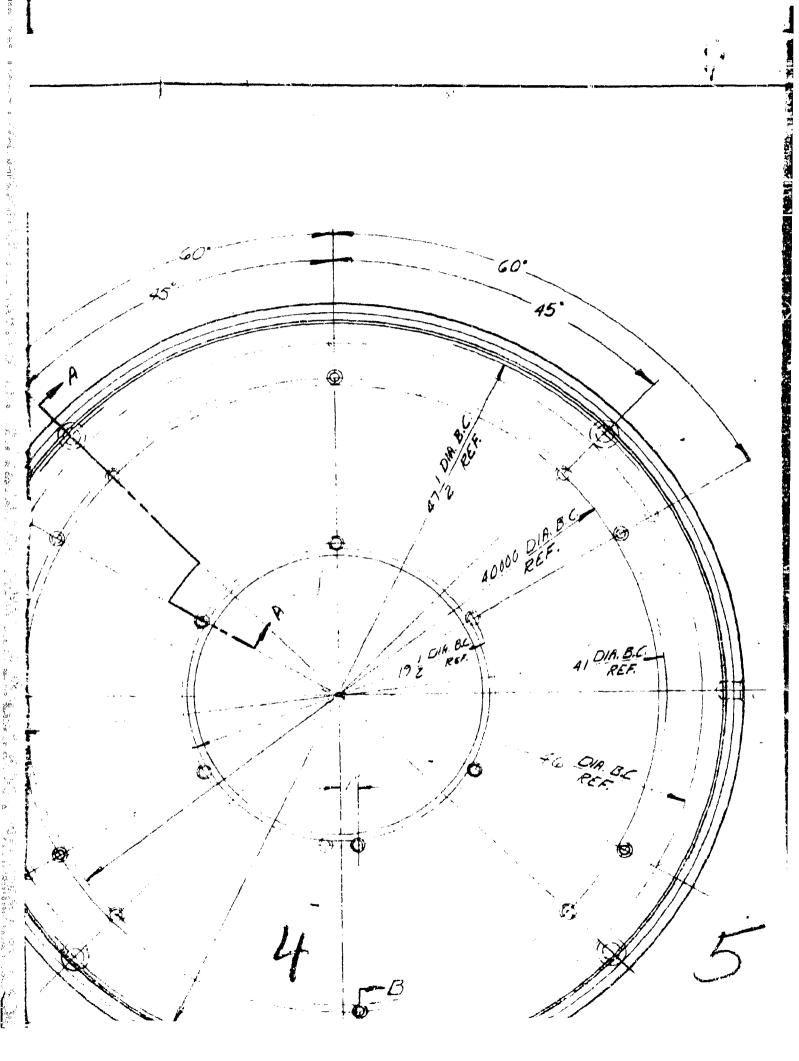


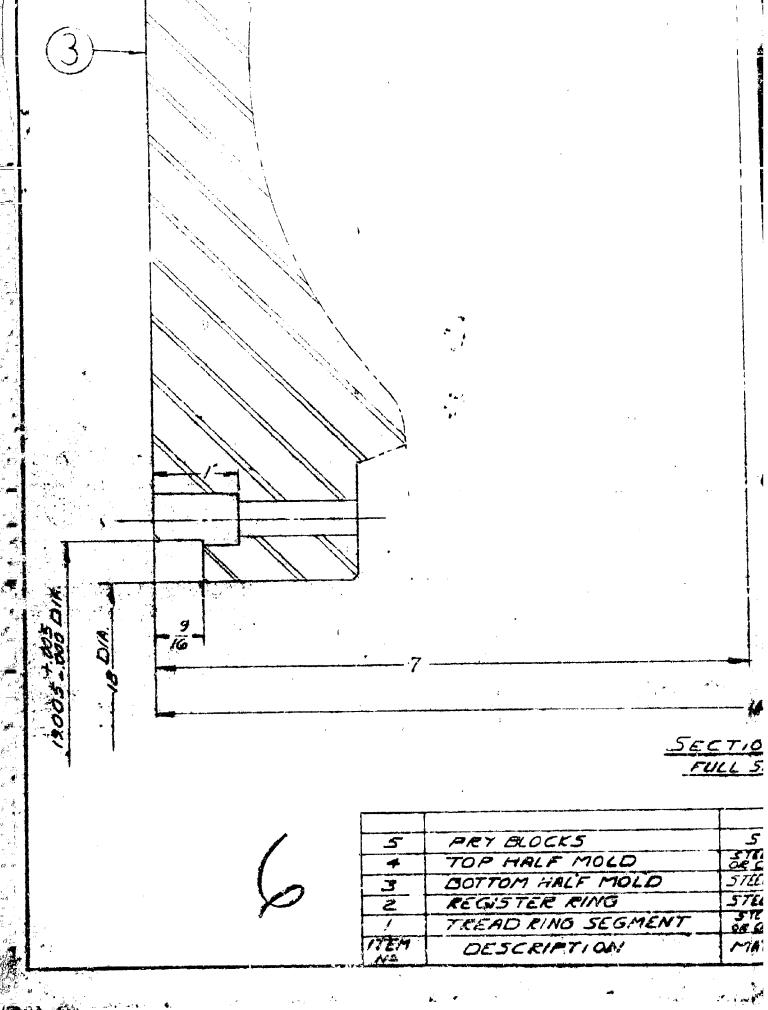
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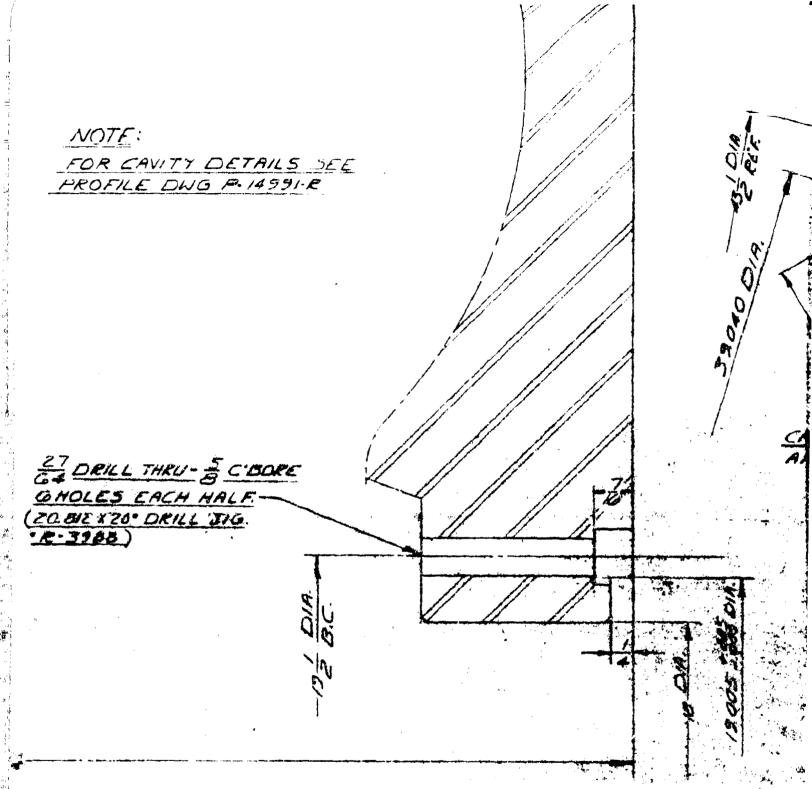
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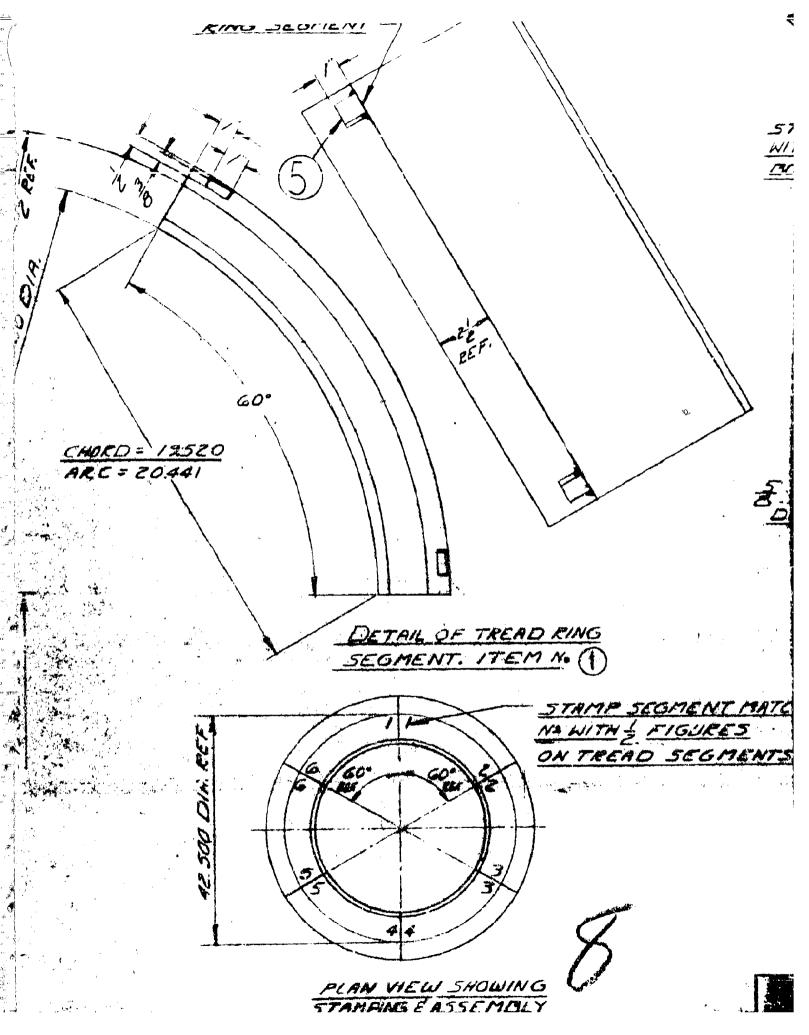


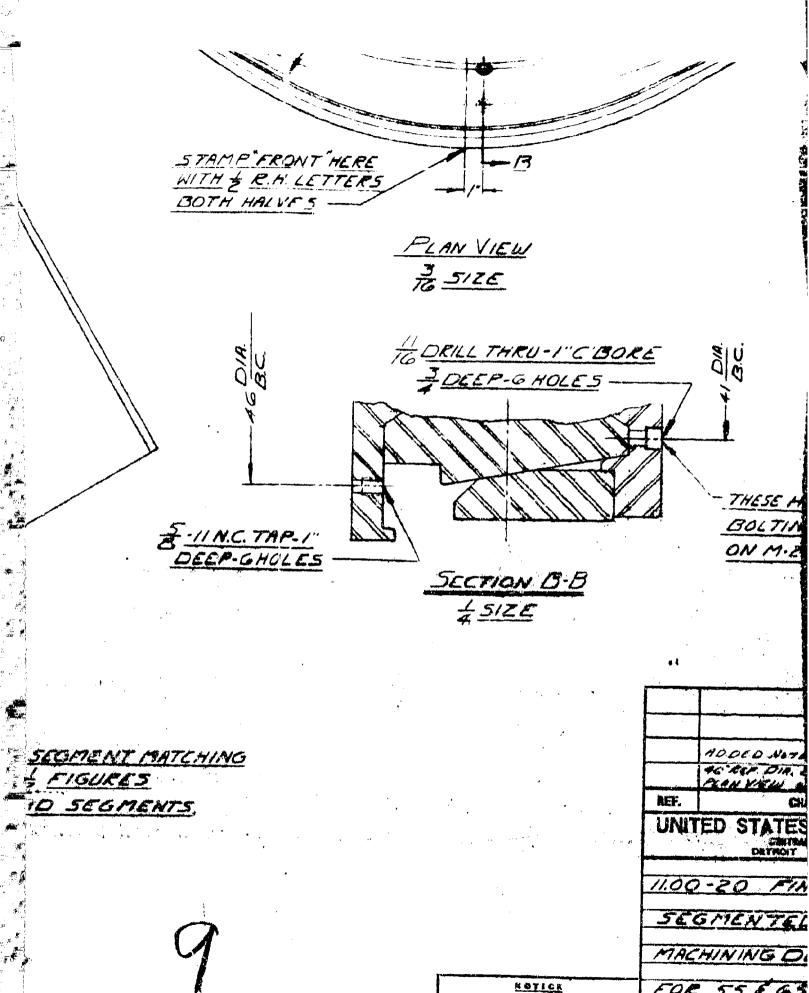
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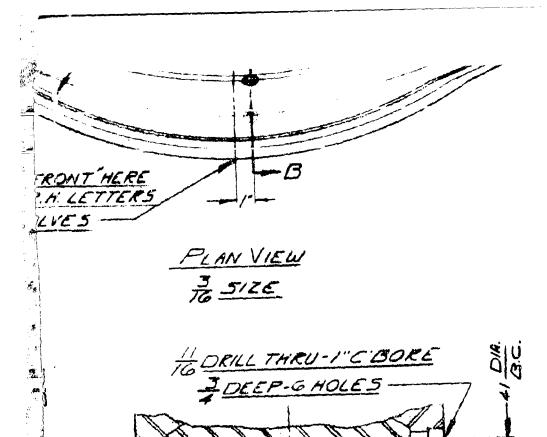
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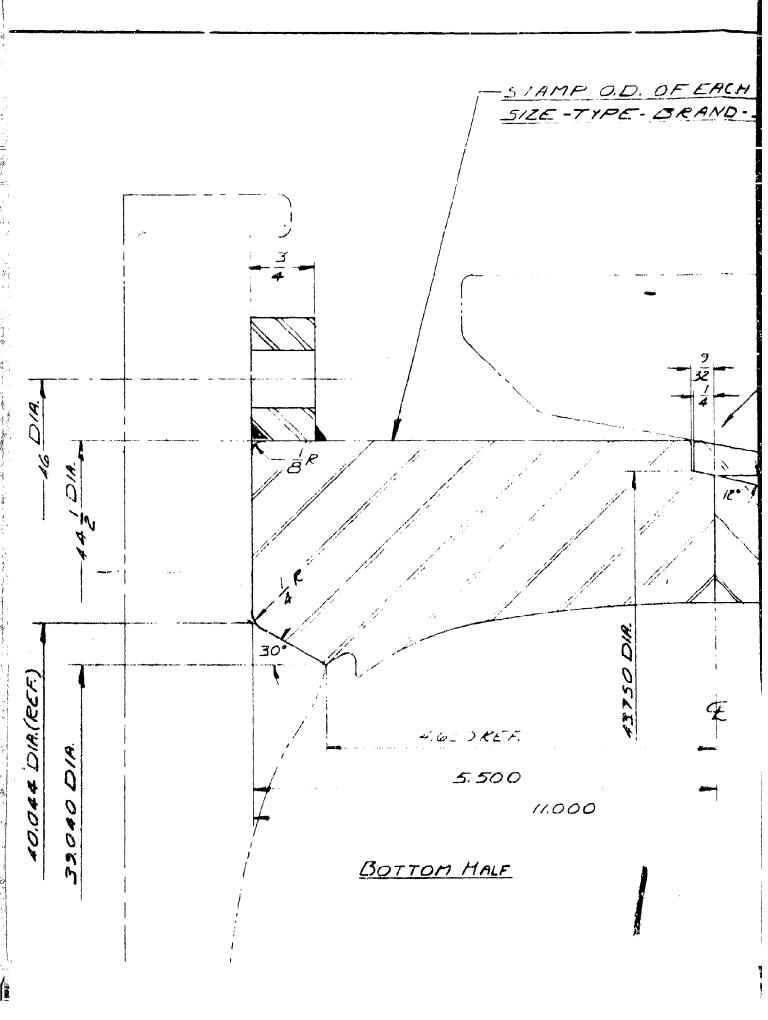
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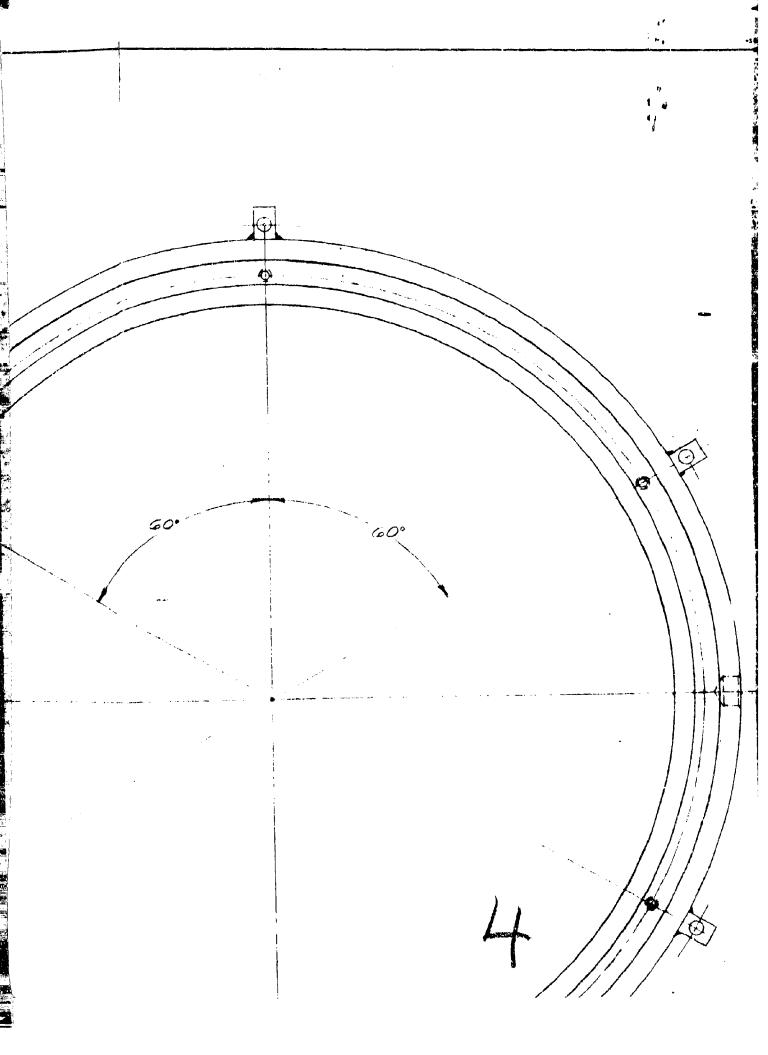
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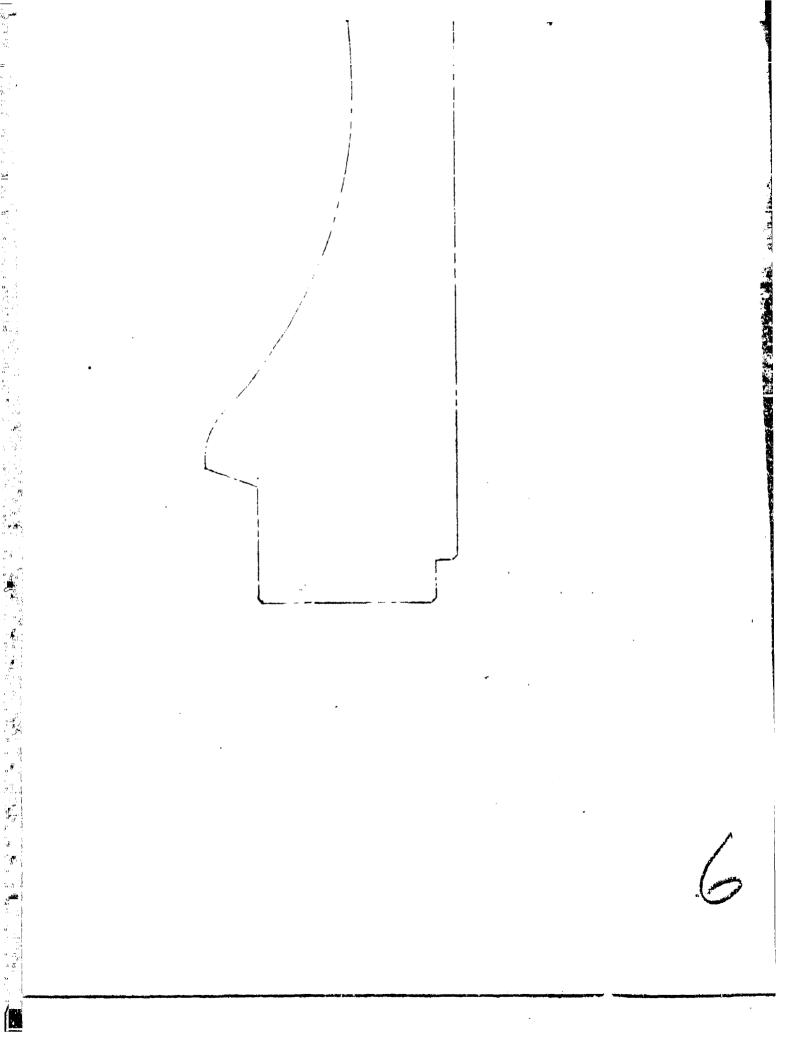


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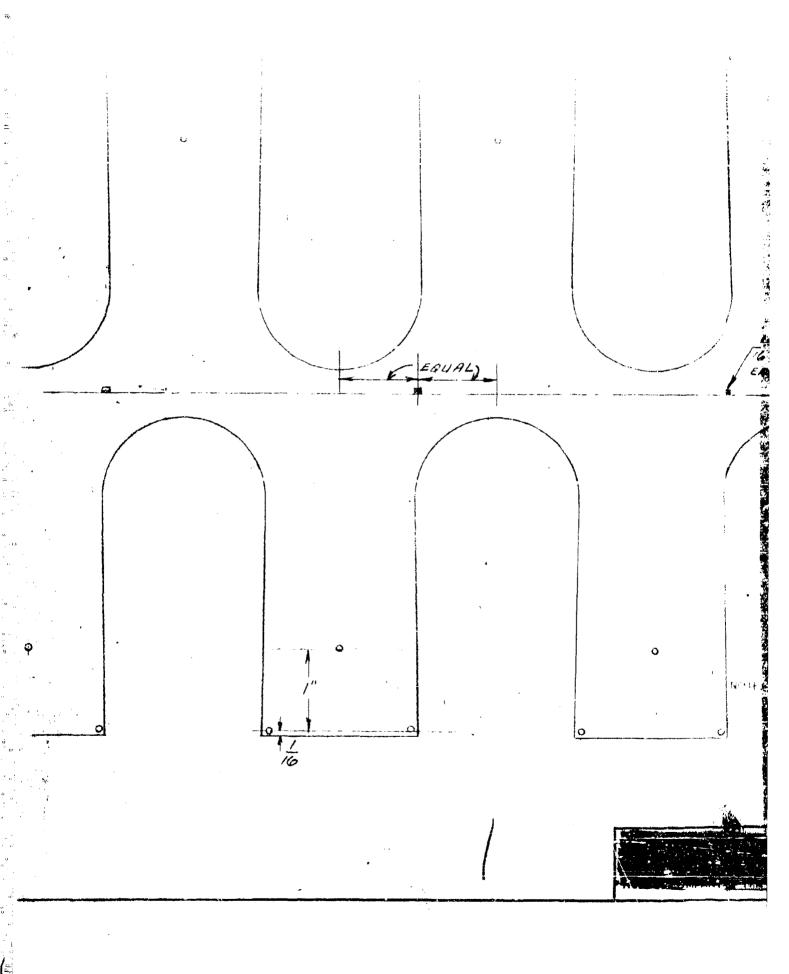
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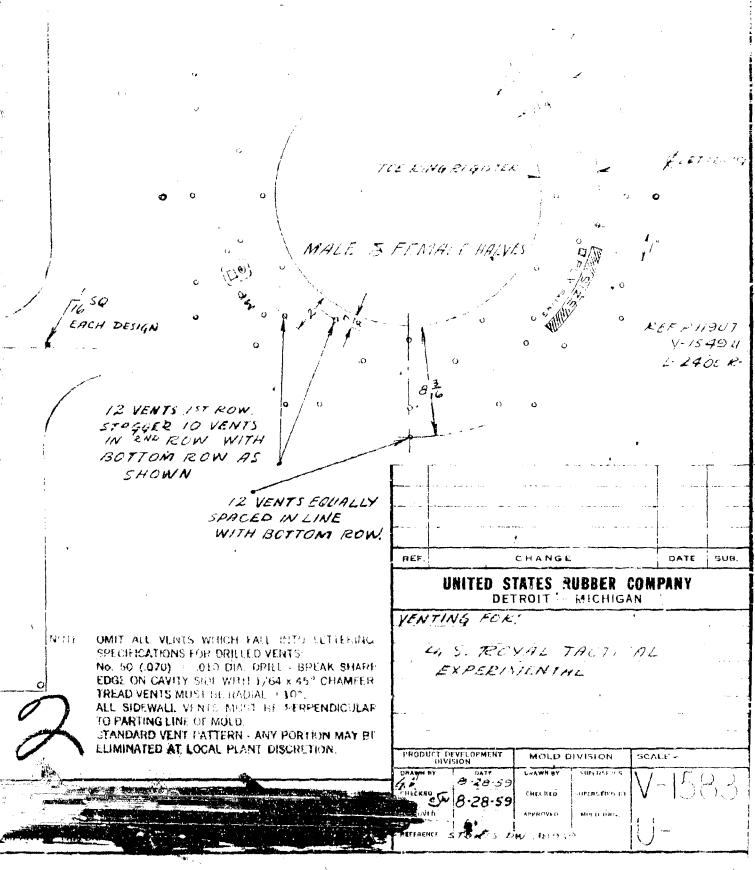
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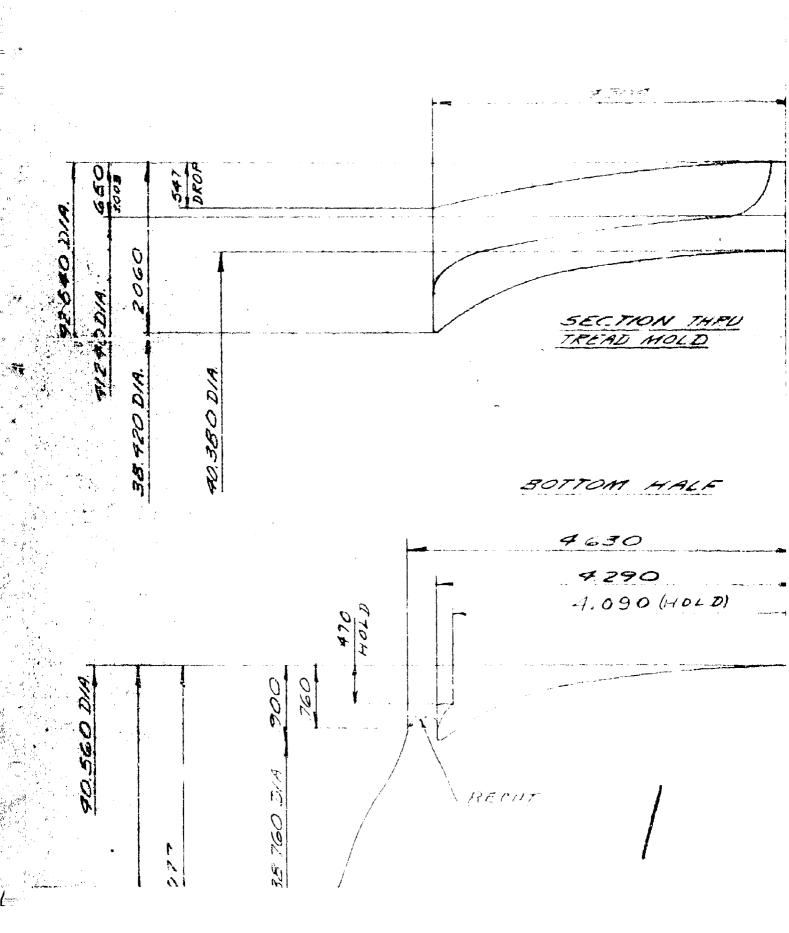


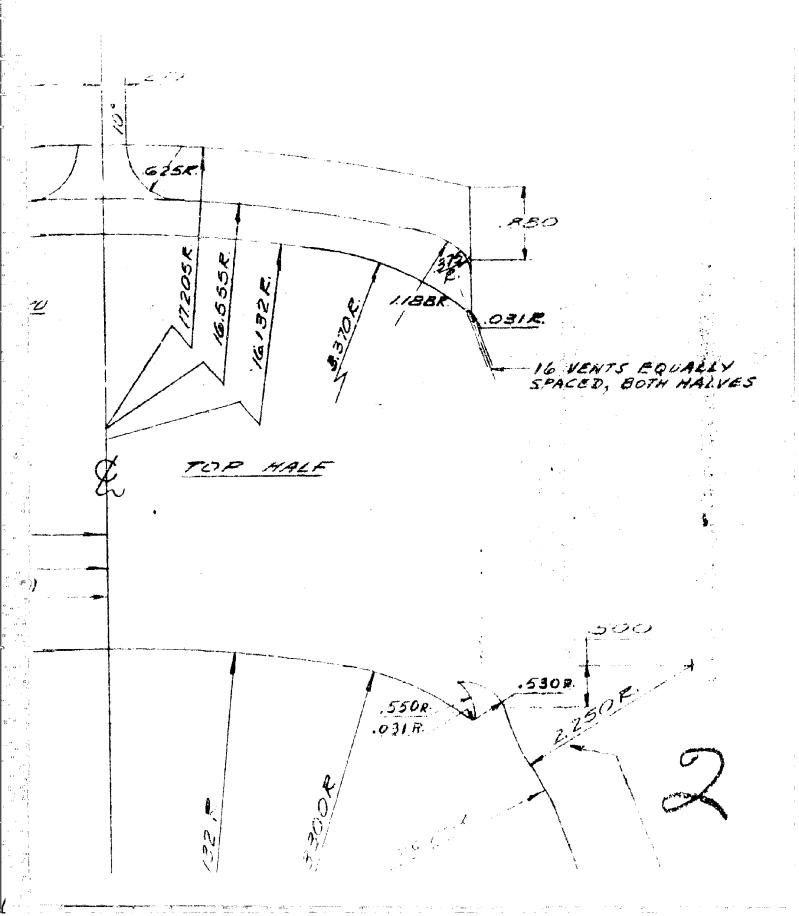


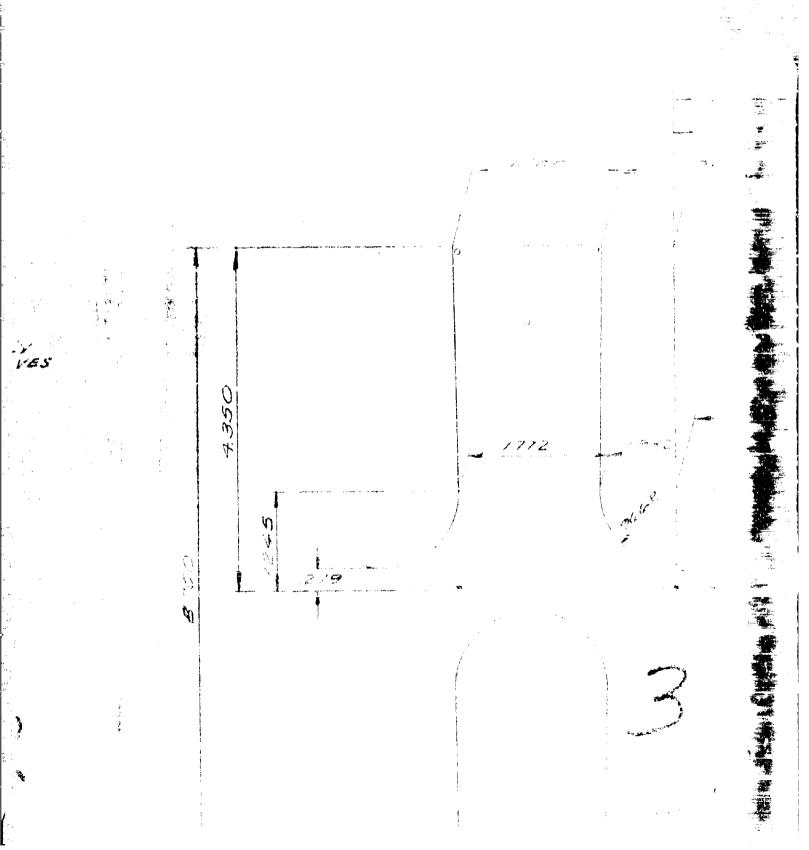
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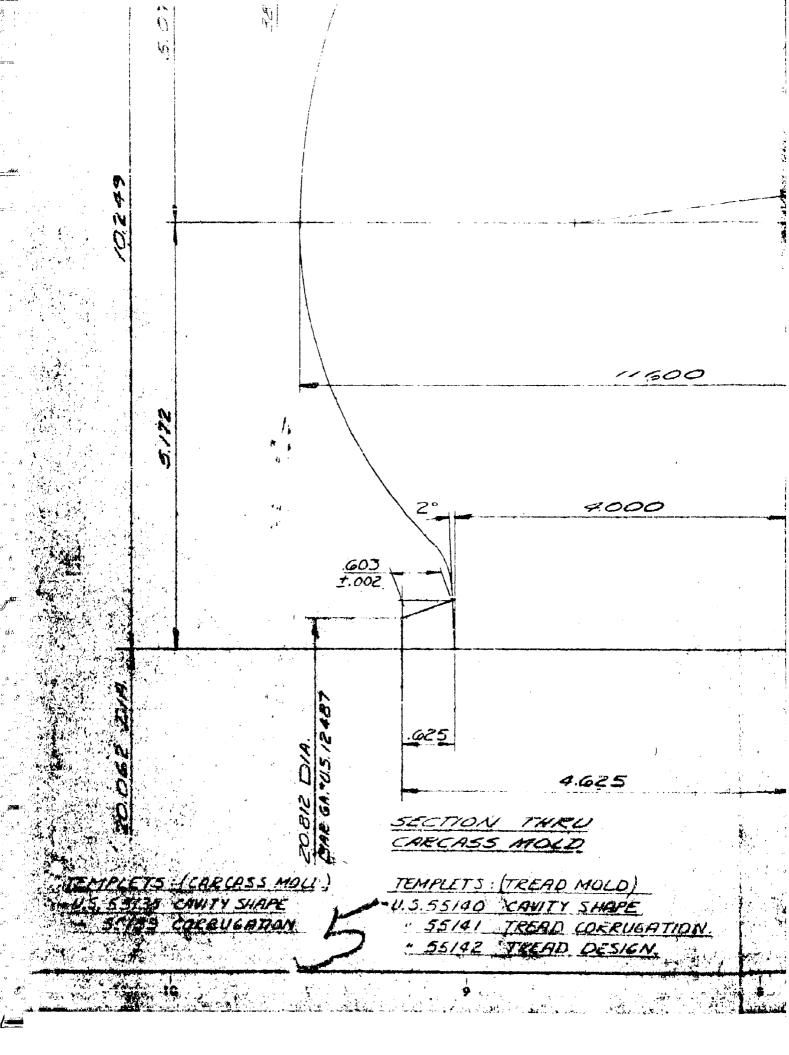
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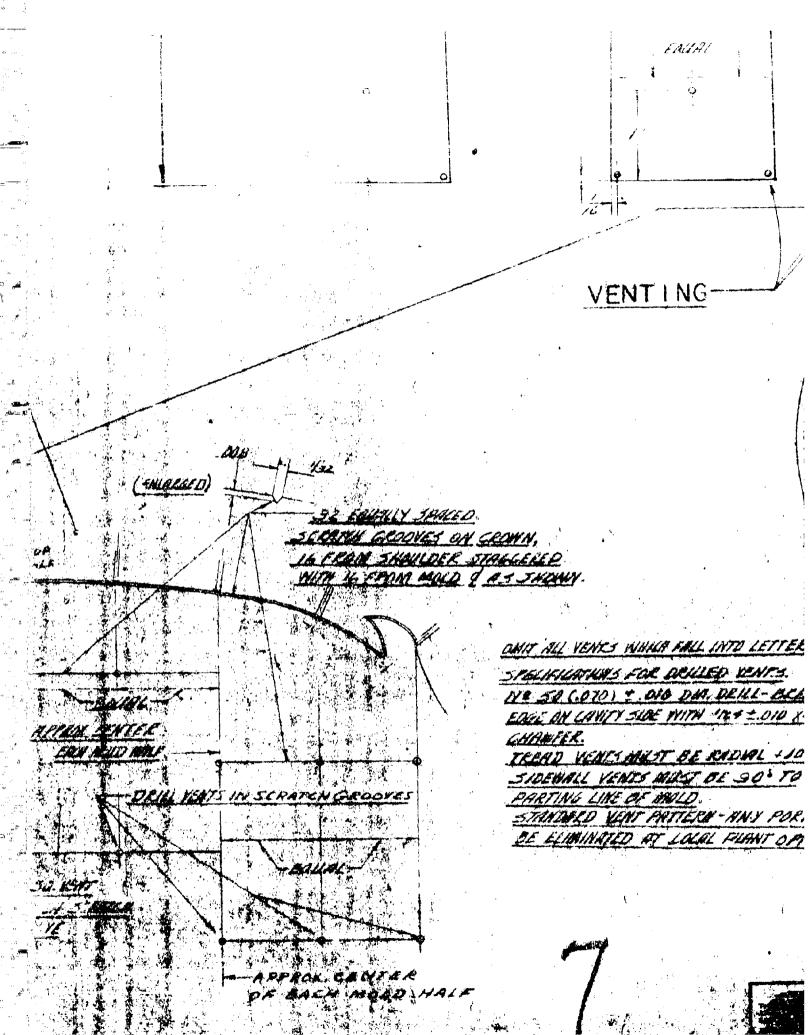


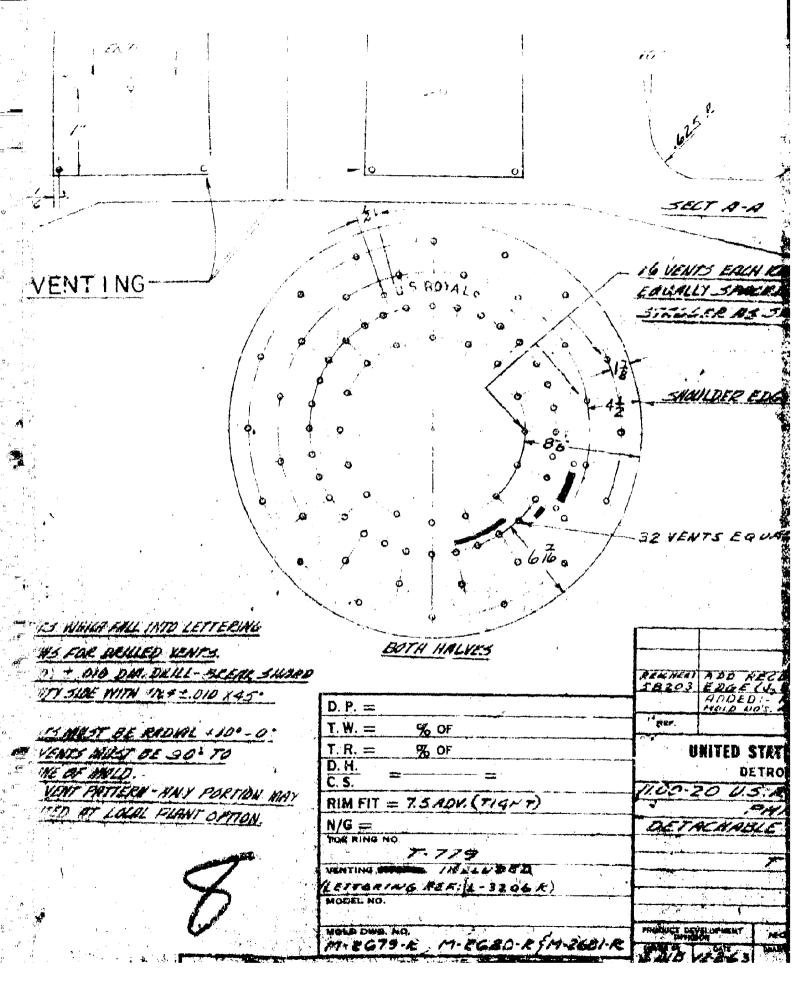


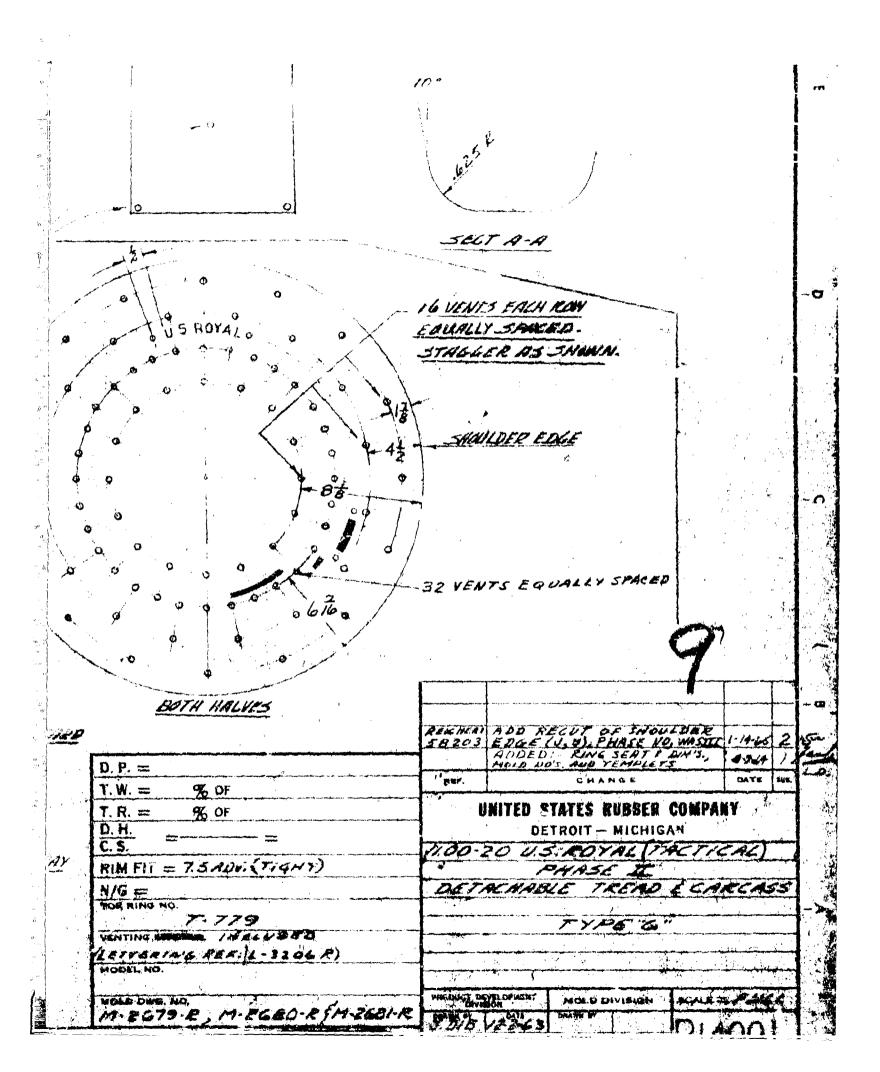
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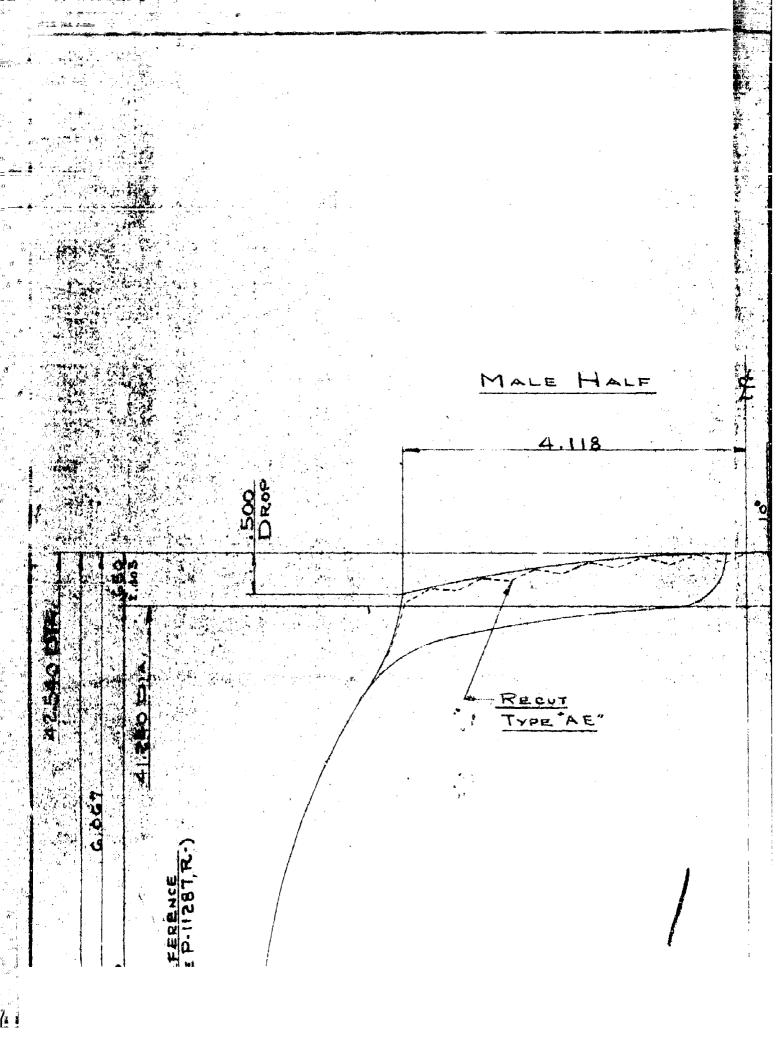


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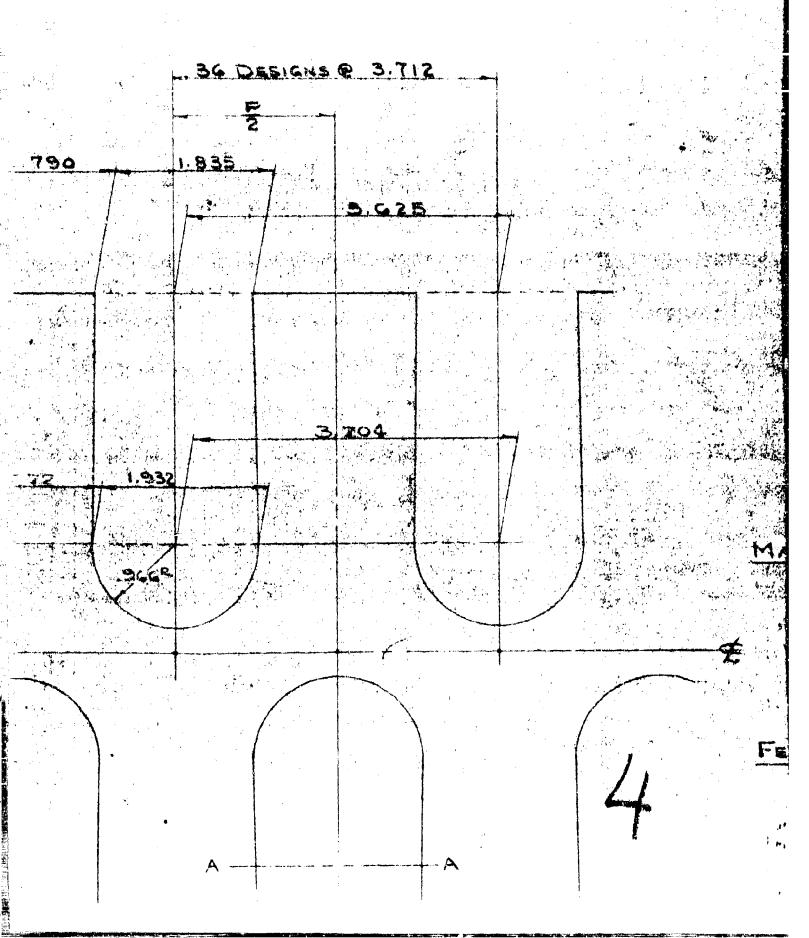


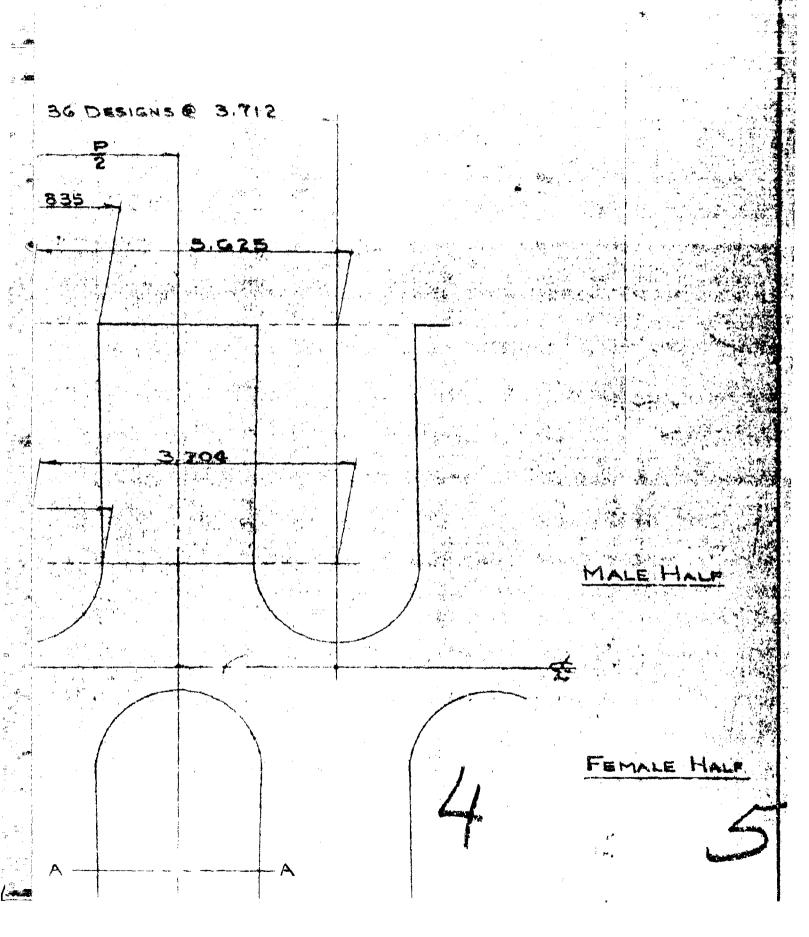






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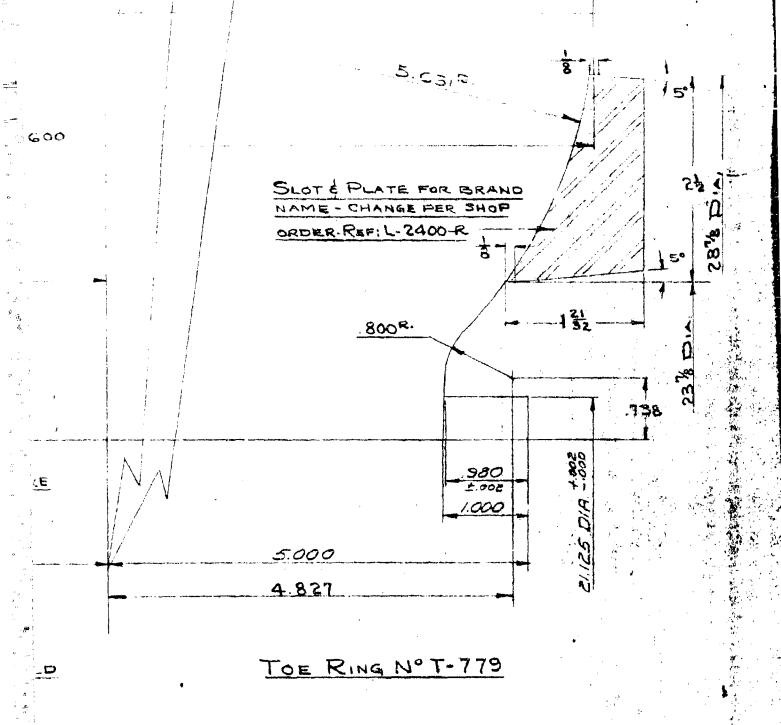
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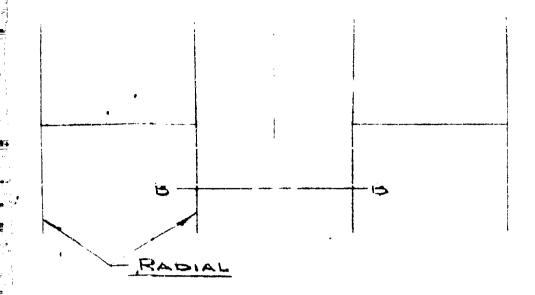
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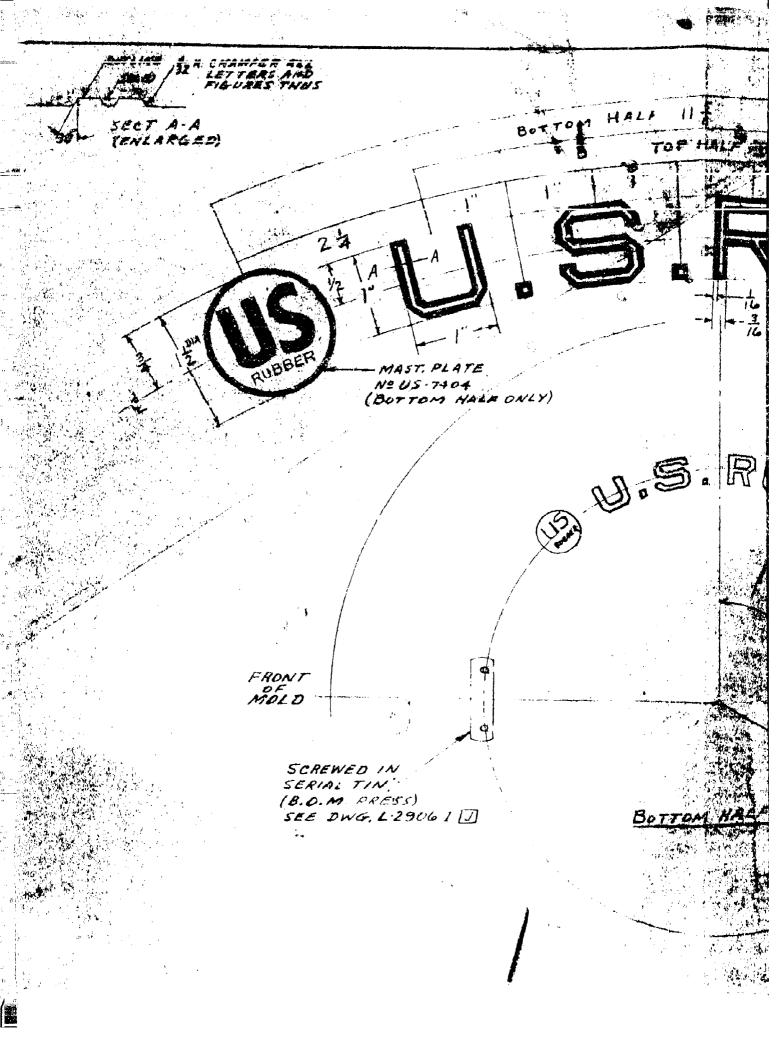
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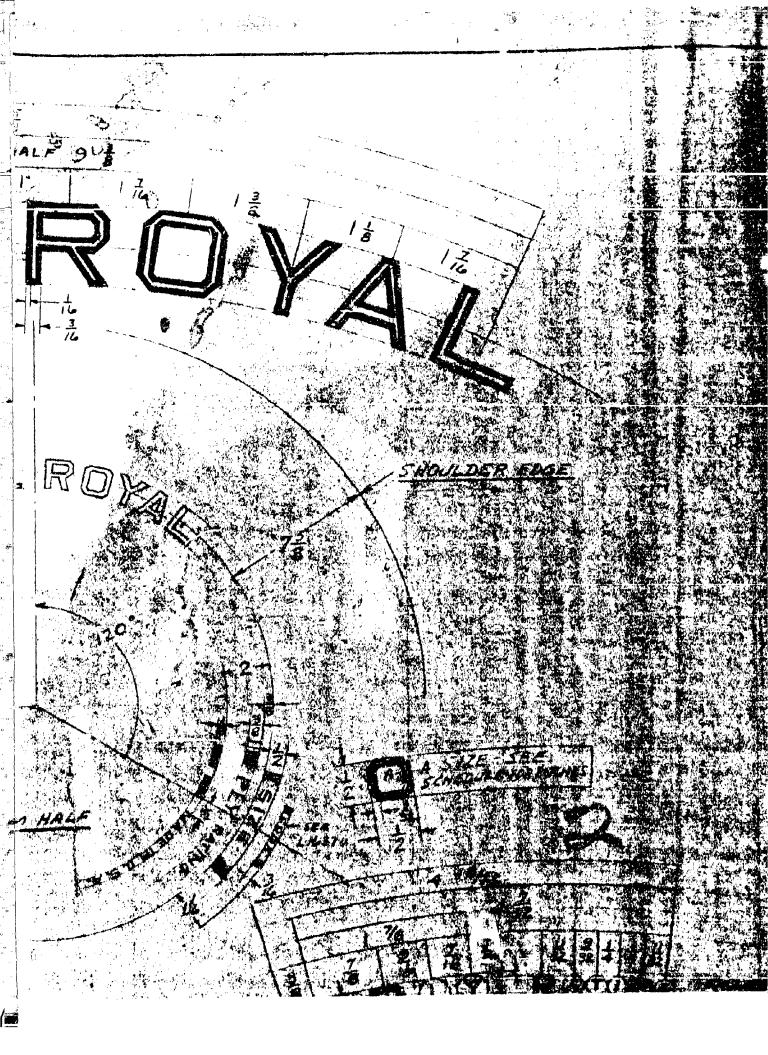
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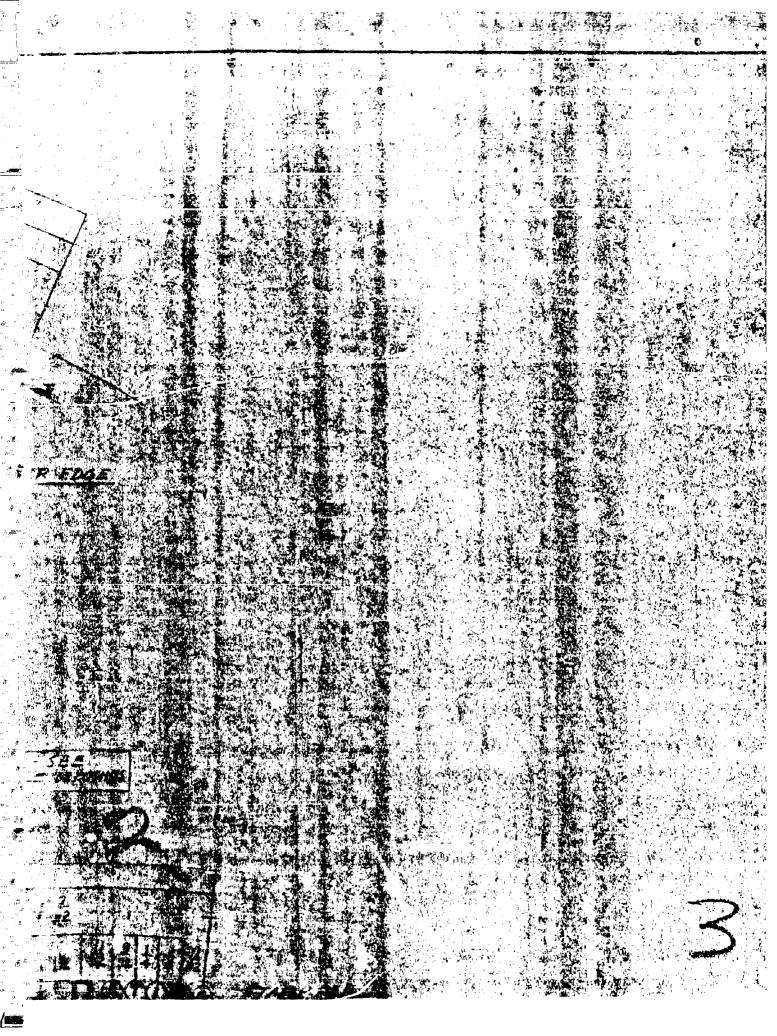
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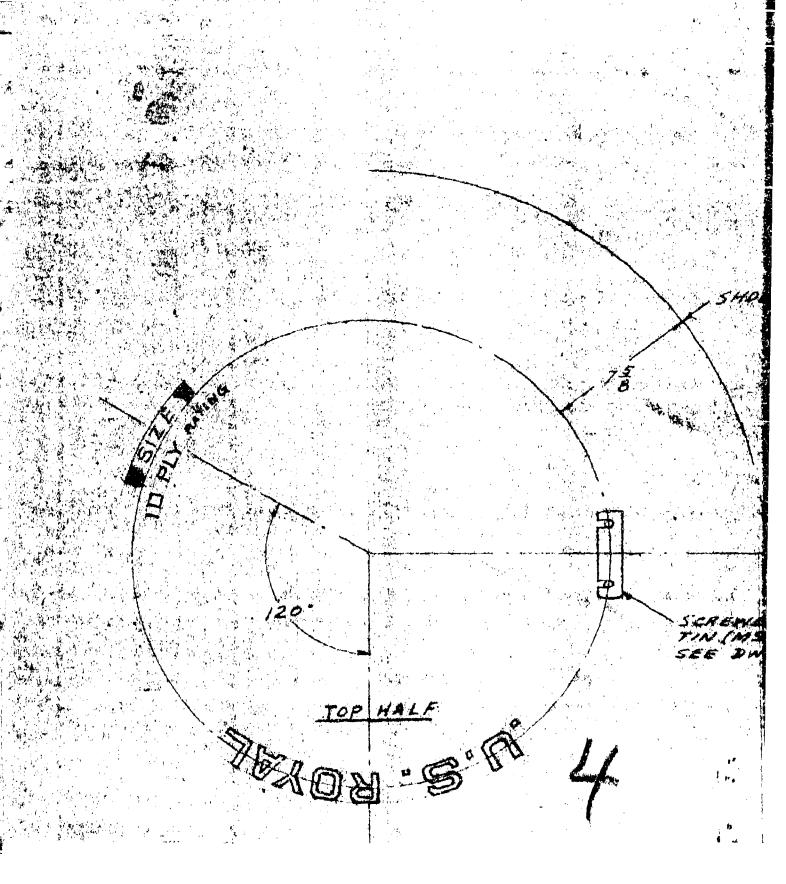
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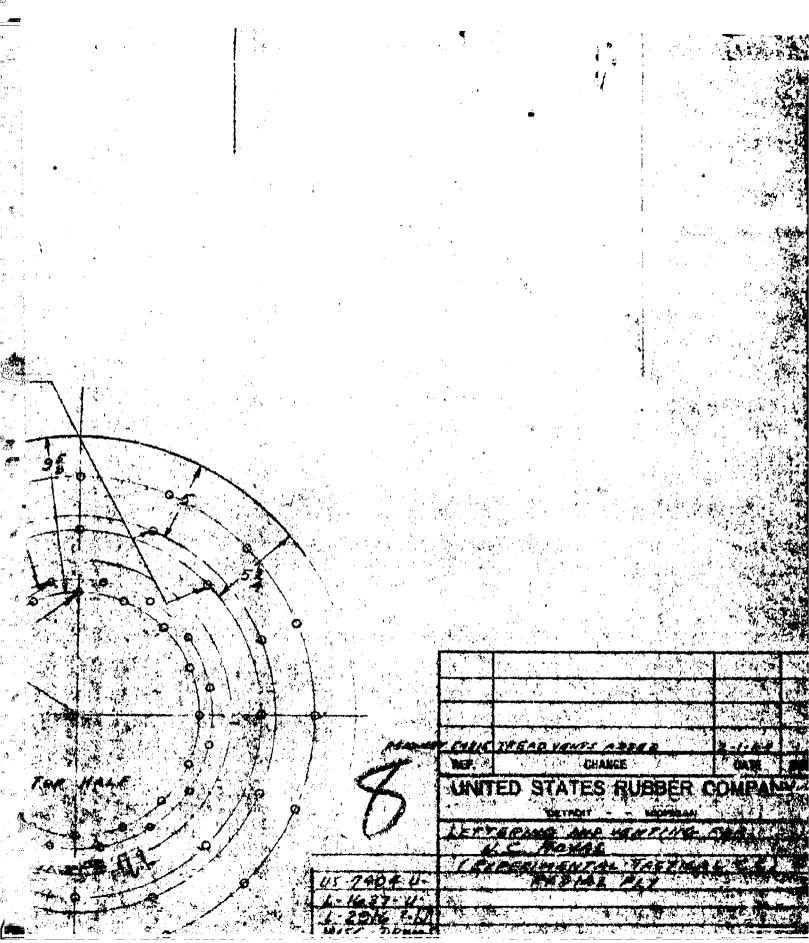
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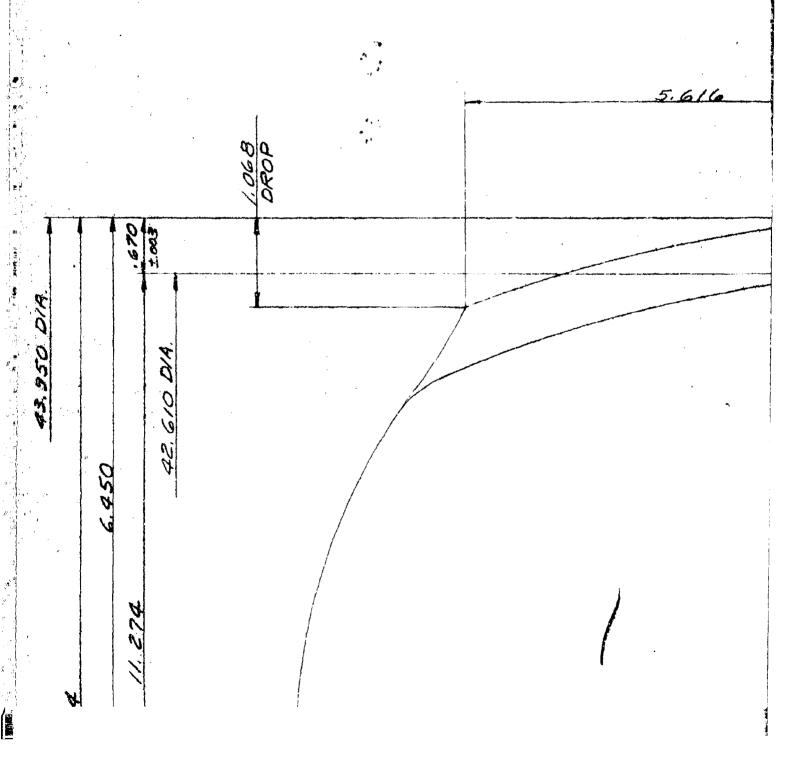
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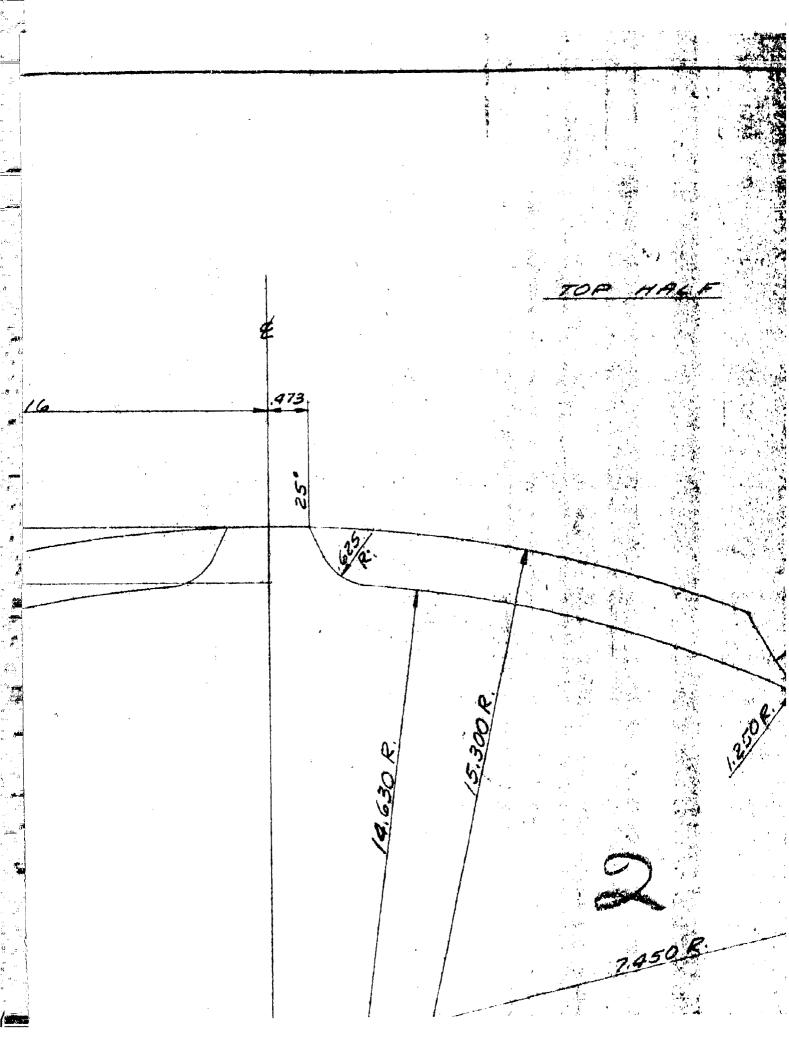
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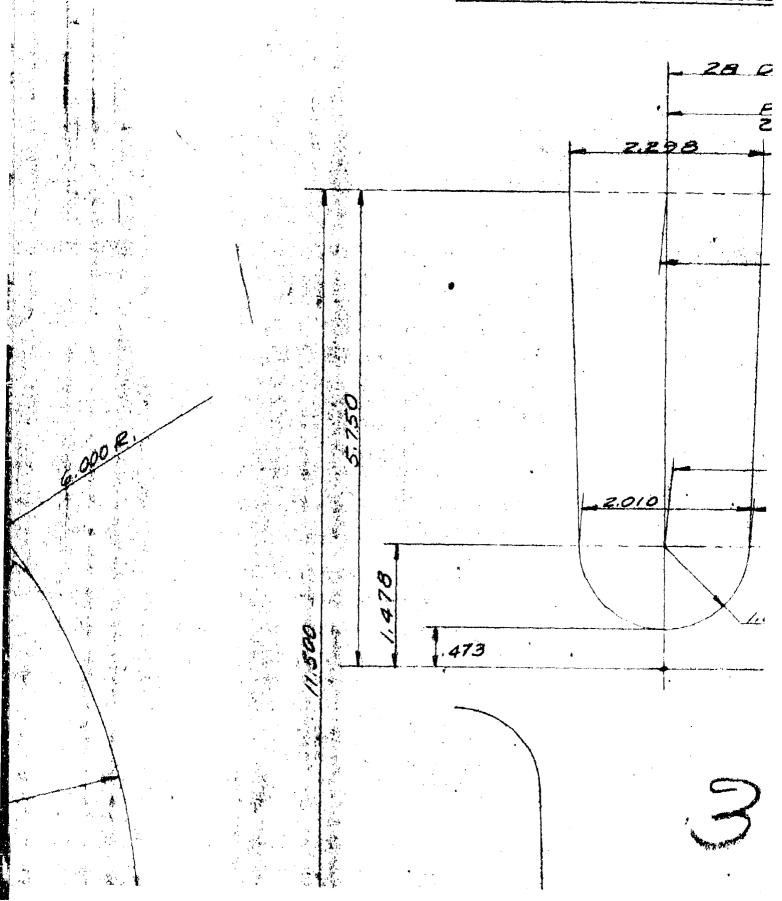
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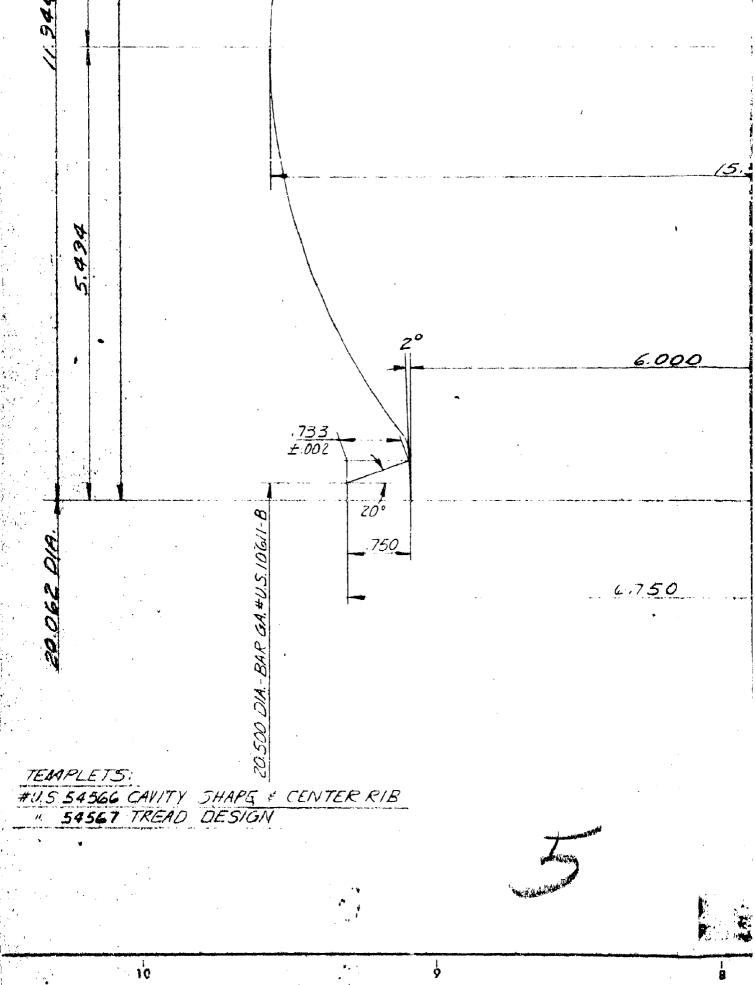


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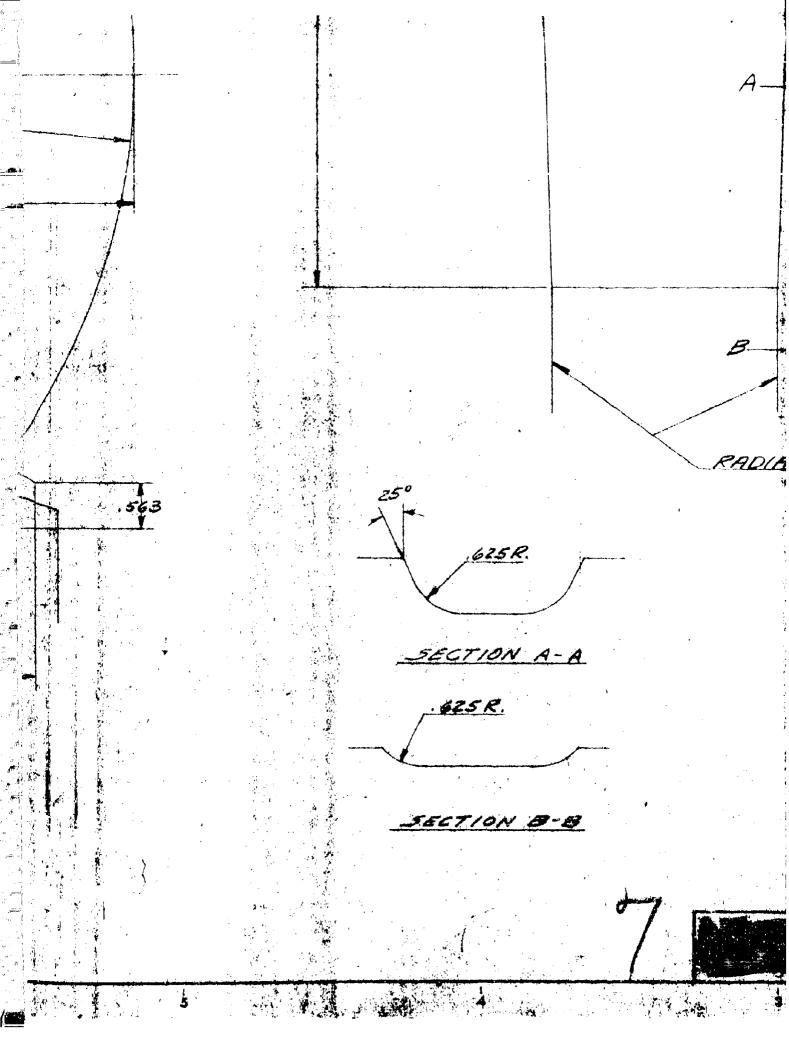
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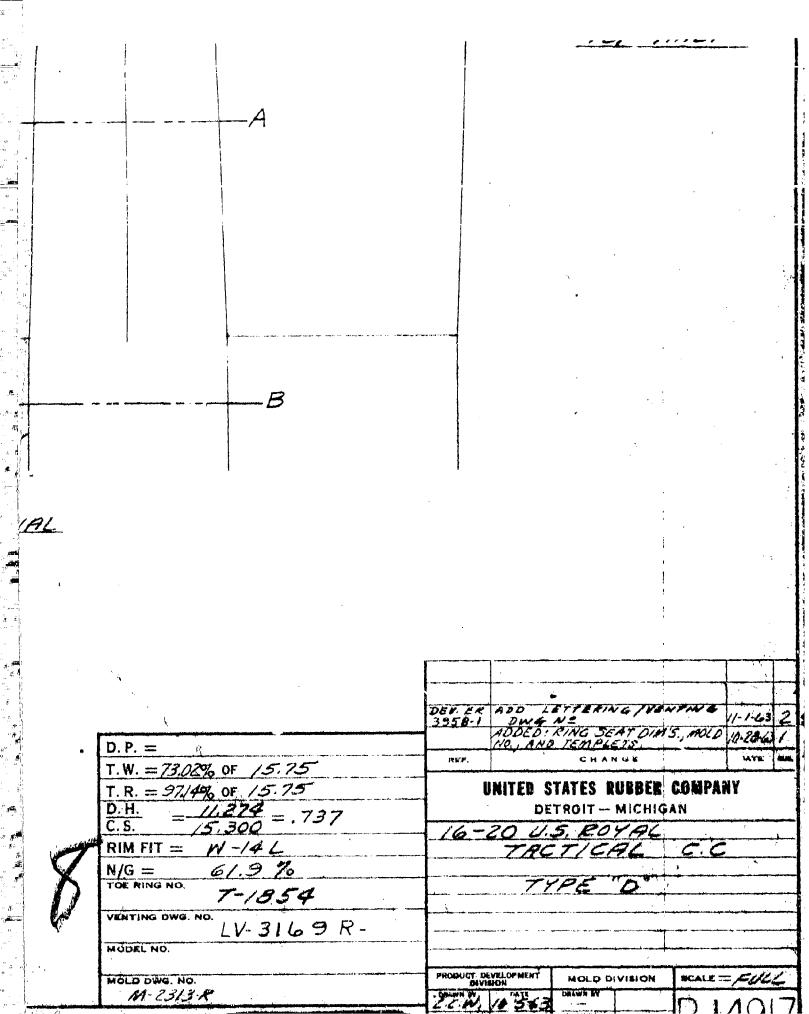


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